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Congress, Burns collide on credit

Democrats demand increased cash flow

By Richard L. Strout
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Washington
Leading congressional Democrats charge that the Federal Reserve System under Dr. Arthur Burns has kept credit dangerously tight in the face of mounting recession, and a rough-tough showdown comes this week.

Some see the independence of "the Fed" involved.

Dr. Burns, in reply, says "You can expect, at least as long as I'm here, that the Fed will not release a new wave of inflation on the country."

Promising moderate credit expansion, he adds, "This country is awash with liquidity! What is lacking is confidence."

He says he "will not open the spigot" of unrestrained easy money.

The congressmen, who include Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D) of Minnesota, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee; William Proxmire (D) of Wisconsin, chairman of the Banking Committee; Edward M. Kennedy (D) of Massachusetts, new member of the Joint Economic Committee; Rep. Henry S. Reuss (D) of Wisconsin, new chairman of the House Banking and Currency Com-

mittee, and others are supported by economic testimony of last week.

Paul W. McCracken, adviser to President Ford who put together the White House economic "summit conference" last fall, charges that the central bank's credit policy "was entirely too restrictive in the second half (1974), and really it helped set the stage for the current recession."

Other economists' comments: Harvard Prof. Hendrik S. Houthak-

ker: "The money supply has been falling . . . getting monetary policy back on a track of moderate expansion is the first order of business."

Gardner Ackley, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) under President Johnson: "An increase of money supply of 5 or 10 percent would be entirely appropriate . . . if they should take 12 instead of 10 it still wouldn't disturb me." (The real rate has been around 8 percent, economists state.)

Charles Schultze, one-time budget director: "There is absolutely no reason for the Federal Reserve to keep monetary conditions so tight that financing a large federal deficit need drive up interest rates. Over the last year the real supply of money . . . adjusted for price inflation, has fallen by about 7 percent."

"Not enough" argued

The issue is not now, because many economists think Mr. Ford's stimulus is too small, particularly when allied with higher oil prices in his energy program, likely to raise the cost of living 2 to 4 percent, many declare.

"The administration's fiscal program does not contribute adequately to that moderate path of recovery," declares Herbert Stein, conservative former Nixon CEA chairman now teaching at the University of Virginia.

Gray-haired, hawk-nosed, formidable Dr. Burns himself testifies

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From 'black gold,' U.S. red ink

By R. Norman Matheny, staff photographer

Arabs oilmen offer an olive branch

OPEC nations reportedly draft a blueprint proposing economic give-and-take with West

By Joseph Fitchett
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Beirut, Lebanon
The recent ministerial meeting in Algiers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) held out "an economic olive branch to the Western world."

This is the conclusion of specialized oil analysts writing in the respected Middle East Economic Survey.

The survey says that the Algerian working paper presented to the oil, finance, and foreign ministers of OPEC at the Algiers meeting was so

reasonable and workmanlike that Saudi Arabia dropped its opposition to the idea of an OPEC summit at the end of this month.

The summit, the survey predicts, will endorse "a realistic and business-like blueprint" for world economic give-and-take. The blueprint then will be presented to the major industrial nations.

The survey says that "the OPEC ministers kept their cool admirably and refused to let their proceedings be

dominated by emotional reactions to far-fetched threats of force" despite the "menacing noises and confrontation tactics" of Washington.

Expert committees will meet next week in Vienna, where OPEC has its headquarters, to formulate specific proposals based on the results of these meetings before agreeing to attend the OPEC summit personally, the survey says.

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Los Angeles mayor urges pet birth control

But owners oppose limits on breeding

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Los Angeles
A mayoral proposal here calling for a "moratorium" on pet breeding is evoking both purrs and howls from Los Angeles citizens.

Civic groups, such as Zero Pet Population Growth (ZPPG) — a coalition of community-based organizations — says the action will ultimately rid the city of thousands of unwanted and stray dogs and cats.

Last year, Los Angeles' Department of Animal Regulation destroyed some 88,000 — more than 75 percent — of the 120,000 animals it handled. It is now costing the city \$2.2 million annually for public and private animal control. (A national figure is estimated in excess of \$200 million a year.)

Opposition heard

However, the plan advanced to curb pet breeding by Mayor Thomas Bradley is being met with opposition by some breeders, producers of animal food, and local citizens.

Some say to "neuter" animals is cruel. Others point out such a law cannot be enforced. (Mr. Bradley is asking for voluntary compliance now. But he says that if this is not

forthcoming, he will sponsor legislation.)

So far, such proposals have not mustered enough support from state and local officials to gain passage. For example, last year when Democratic Assemblyman Howard L. Berman of Sherman Oaks introduced a bill to license dog and cat breeders, he was staunchly opposed by kennel interests, among others. The bill never came out of committee.

Public pressure

Similar legislation is expected later this year. But again efforts by pet groups to derail it are expected to be just as strong.

On the local level, advocates of

stabilizing the pet population say they would support ordinances for stiffer fines for leash-law violators and more expensive license fees for unaltered dogs. However, one inside source says that public pressure may well undermine any real action by the City Council and others along these lines.

Joan Peck, president of the Los Angeles Department of Animal Regulation's board of commissioners, would ban dogs from city limits.

Commissioner Peck is helping spearhead a widespread community campaign for ZPPG to cope with this problem.

Among other things, her campaign is:

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Missing GIs— Viet 'sightings' add to anxiety

By Louise Sweeney
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Washington
They call them "sightings," a dry word for the glimpses of still missing prisoners of war who may be the husbands or brothers or fathers of American families still waiting for them.

There was a sighting July, 1973, north of Phnom Penh, of what are tersely described as "three bearded Caucasians, U.S. military POWs, clad in one-piece flight suits." Then on July 8, 1973, a group of POWs in the same area was seen being guarded by the Viet Cong during transfer to an undisclosed location in Cambodia.

That information has been verified by the National League of Families of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia, a group meeting in Washington this week.

The families of those fliers from the U.S. East Coast know that two of those men were identified, by name, on prisoner-of-war records. They know that more than a year later two of the same three men were seen again in a "sighting" in February, 1974, as part of a group that was officially listed by the U.S. Government as "presumptively dead" (in two cases) or "missing in action."

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What led to Ford's big deficit; how he'd control it

President wants to 'cap' outlay but Ullman concerned for poor

By Harry B. Ellis
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Washington
Behind President Ford's proposed \$349 billion federal budget for fiscal year 1976 lies an assumption that unemployment and inflation rates during 1975 will be higher than they were last year.

So swiftly is the U.S. economy deteriorating that the anticipated 1976 budget deficit — \$52 billion — is \$5 billion higher than the White House thought it would be just two weeks ago.

Almost all of the expected deficit, Mr. Ford told reporters at the weekend, is due to the recession, which is boosting payments to the jobless while cutting tax revenues which finance government programs.

If the economy were performing "normally," the President said — that is, as it did a year ago — tax receipts would be \$40 billion higher, aid to the unemployed would be \$12.7 billion less, and the 1976 budget would be balanced.

Details of the budget, and of its underlying economic assumptions, cannot be disclosed until Congress receives the President's message. Much, however, could be gleaned from what Mr. Ford said and from talks with other officials.

This year's inflation rate, measured as a yearly average, is expected to be higher than that of 1974. Chief reason is that Mr. Ford's energy proposals would boost the cost of oil and related products, adding at least 2 percentage points to the consumer price index.

Rejection consequences

Already, by presidential order, a new \$1-a-barrel tariff on imported oil is in effect, due to rise to \$3 by April. This, Mr. Ford hopes, will be accompanied by equivalent levies on domestic oil and natural gas, raising \$30 billion in taxes for the government.

Should Congress reject part or all of these price rises, as seems likely, the tax revenues would be lost and the budget deficit might well increase.

Key Democratic opponent, Rep. Al Ullman (D) of Oregon, Sunday on "Meet the Press" (NBC-TV), criticizing what he called the "inflationary ripple" effects of oil import tariffs, said he favors the imposition of import quotas on oil, accompanied by allocation of petroleum to agriculture, industry, and other segments of the U.S. economy.

Asserting that Mr. Ford's import tariff program was "a disaster for the economy," Mr. Ullman, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, acknowledged that Congress and the President so far were at "loggerheads" on energy policy.

The deficit for fiscal year 1975, ending next June 30, is estimated at \$35 billion. Thus an \$87-billion deficit looms for this year and next, rising to a possible \$100 billion, the President noted, if Congress does not heed his budget-cutting requests.

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Vanishing plant life

By Frederic Hunter

Peter Mazzeo is not a detective. He is not an investigative reporter. But in his search for a rare kind of birch tree he has used their tested techniques.

The tree he is hunting may be extinct. In fact, 75 percent of the plants in southern Florida, west Texas, southern California, and Hawaii, as well as some plants elsewhere are on the threatened list. Mr. Mazzeo has become a botanical sleuth to try to save the birch.

One day, for example, after consulting deeds in the county courthouse, after talking with local people and using topographic maps, Mr. Mazzeo found himself in Smyth County, Virginia, tramping the banks of Dickey Creek at the foot of Dickey Knob. He was tracking down Betula uber, a birch so rare that no one has seen it for years.

"In 1914," says the former National Parks ranger who is now a National Arboretum researcher, "when W. W. Ashe collected the first specimens, Betula uber may have been a relic of a larger population which was declining then."

"I don't know that it's extinct now," he adds, "but it very well may be. If it is, then something that was part of our living environment has been lost forever."

If there has been considerable discussion in recent years about endangered animals, few people realize that whole species of plants are threatened with extinction, too.

"The situation is critical," declares Dr. Howard S. Irwin, president of the New York Botanical Garden. "The health of our ecosystem depends upon the interaction of the species that have evolved. When we lose species, we impede these interactions."

Initial efforts to devise a national program to save threatened plants have already begun. Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, botanists at the Smithsonian Institution have prepared a 200-page report now awaiting congressional action.

According to the report, which deals only with "higher" or vascular plants, such as flowering varieties, ferns, pines, and their relatives, 5 percent of America's native flora (1,000 out of a total 20,000 species) is threatened or endangered. Some 100 species such as Betula uber are listed as extinct.

This situation causes botanists great concern. Quite aside from their beauty, variety, or biological adaptations, "the usefulness of plants is considerable," states Dale W. Jenkins

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Simon (left) crosses tax-cut fence to join McCracken

McCracken credited for tax-cut decision

Ford official team split down middle

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Washington
It was the advice of an old friend of the President — Dr. Paul W. McCracken — which ended a long struggle among Mr. Ford's advisers on whether the Ford economic package should contain a tax cut.

It has been learned here that Dr. McCracken — former chairman of President Nixon's Council of Economic Advisers — tipped the balance in favor of the tax cut as a way to stimulate the economy.

The struggle among Mr. Ford's economic aides, some arguing for some against, was a protracted one when it ended in what one of these advisers now says was a "draw," the President conferred with Dr. McCracken, now back on the faculty at the University of Michigan, and Dr. McCracken's advice "made the difference."

Who were the "hawks" (those counseling against a cut) and who were the "doves" (advocating the cut) in those early planning stages?

Pushing hard for the tax reduction as a central element in the new

program was William L. Seidman, White House economic aide of the President, also from Michigan, together with Dr. Arthur F. Burns, head of the Federal Reserve System.

On the other side (until later when they joined in with the majority in openly supporting the President's total program) were William E. Simon, Secretary of the Treasury, and Alan Greenspan, current head of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

The "hawks" became receptive to the tax-cut concept when additional billions were provided in the proposed oil-import fees. They were able to rationalize that the overall plan was not really a tax reduction.

Hard, but not bitter

The struggle over the tax cut was not really a confrontation between these economists. It was not bitter. But it was hard-fought.

It was an undecided President who sought out his old friend from "back home" and, as one informant put it, "finally decided he would go the tax-cut route based upon the counsel from McCracken. He [McCracken] made the difference."

On another and later presidential decision Mr. Ford got his idea for a 1974 tax rebate from an article written by Andrew F. Brimmer, Harvard economist and former member of the Federal Reserve Board.

Opposition hopes to oust Bandaranaike regime Political upheaval sought in Sri Lanka

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Colombo, Sri Lanka

The major opposition party in Sri Lanka is gearing for an all-out effort to bring down the government of Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike this year.

After her election for a five-year term in 1970, a violent outbreak of insurrection caused Mrs. Bandaranaike to obtain a new Constitution (promulgated in 1972), which had the effect of giving her an additional two years in power, putting off the next parliamentary elections until 1977.

Opposition leader Richard Jayawardena has been challenging the government on this issue and has called for fresh elections in May of this year, when present terms of office would originally have run out.

In anticipation of a showdown, Mr. Jayawardena has persuaded his United National Party to give him near dictatorial powers. He is reported to have told the recent conference: All right, you want an election in 1975, you want victory in 1975; very well, give me the power,

ask no questions and do as I say, and I will lead the party to power.

Victory expected

Having won most of the recent by-elections, the opposition leader appears to be confident that his United National Party — which has ruled the Ceylonese island on and off for 13 years — would come to power again if a May election is held.

Although the opposition's strategy for forcing an election has yet to be fully spelled out, one step recently taken was to call on government workers to defy administrative orders received after May — with a promise that the United National Party would look after them for any penalties inflicted.

As a countermeasure, Prime Minister Bandaranaike hastily introduced new emergency regulations last month which make it an offense to challenge the Constitution except in Parliament or the courts.

Mandate given

Together with other measures serving to restrict public criticism of the government, it was a further sign that the Bandaranaike administration

— its grip already shaken by economic reverses in the country — has become rattled by recent opposition utterances and by the fact that the United National Party took Mr. Jayawardena seriously enough to give him dictatorial powers within the party and a mandate to force an election.

The fear of a Chile-type confrontation, expressed by government leaders more than a year ago, continues to grow here.

Radicals curbed

To avert such a tragedy, Mrs. Bandaranaike has taken steps to curb the radical leftists within her own broad coalition government, as well as defending against the rightist opposition party.

One of the new emergency regulations bans the formation of paramilitary bodies, such as the workers' armies advocated by one of her Cabinet ministers.

The big test will come in May, when the Bandaranaike government will have to prove that it is still strong and admit enough to stage off a forced election — and by inference to continue its socialist policies for dealing with the country's serious economic and political problems.



Sirimavo Bandaranaike

Rhodesia thriving despite UN sanctions

Economy reported doing very well except for shortages in new autos, small items

By Henry S. Hayward
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Salisbury, Rhodesia
"Imported from Europe" reads the advertisement, and it mentions a well-known make of British slip-on men's shoes. The price is \$59 Rhodesian, about \$120 U.S.

Such items are available here despite United Nations sanctions, but the price is high.

Visitors usually are struck by the variety of consumer goods in the stores of Salisbury and Bulawayo. One sees little evidence that sanctions have been effective, except in the shortage of new cars. Local people put their names on a list for a new vehicle, then wait for months until it finally arrives.

A shortage of dry-cell batteries for small electrical appliances exists at present. Some radio shops have signs in the window saying "Sorry, no batteries." And one hears that brake fluid also is in short supply.

Railway problems

Rhodesian Railways, meanwhile, has been smashing up its new diesel engines at a great rate in recent accidents. One such crash between

freight trains put five diesels out of action. Another, between passenger trains, added another.

These engines bear no visible manufacturers' plates, but are known to be of Japanese origin. They arrived here more than a year ago.

Perhaps as a result of diesel casualties, yard work at the big Bulawayo terminal currently is being handled by coal-burning steam locomotives. One recent day no fewer than four huge Barrett compounds with their double sets of driving wheels were doing shunting duty in the station area.

Crops sell well

Otherwise, the economy reportedly is doing well. The next tobacco crop is said to be sold already. "Tobacco is back in favor," commented a farmer in the Centenary area. "The U.S. stockpile is gone, and prices are going up in world markets."

Another farmer is confident enough of Rhodesia's future to build a costly new-style tunnel for drying tobacco leaf to supplement his present traditional barns. His farm is in the northeast area where guerrilla terrorists have been active.

"There has been no sign of a slowdown here yet," a Salisbury

businessman said, "although bankers expect we soon will feel the effect of cutbacks in the rest of the world. Meanwhile, we are fortunate in having less inflation than most places."

Cost of a dinner

Evidence of this is the fact that a good T-bone steak dinner in a modern hotel here costs \$3 (U.S.). This causes American and European tourists to blink in disbelief.

Rhodesia is fortunate in producing food surpluses at a time when the outside world needs food. Before its unilateral declaration of independence from Britain in 1965, this country imported 95 percent of its wheat. Now it produces more than it needs.

Tobacco once was the main crop, but now farmers have diversified into cotton, maize, citrus fruit, and such specialty items as pecan trees and

mushrooms. The latter grow well former tobacco sheds.

Few take sanctions seriously

The popularity of such foodstuffs Africa and elsewhere makes it much easier for Rhodesia to paralyze the porous sanctions curtain. People here say only Britain and the United States take sanctions seriously any more. Thus far, no interruption of Rhodesian exports or imports through neighboring Mozambique has occurred, despite the impending British African takeover there.

So successful have farmers' crops been in recent years that the frontier town of Centenary now has a local "millionaires row." By its work, and despite the guerrilla threat, four or five Rhodesian farmers have earned enough to buy several farms and plenty of equipment.

No wonder a long waiting list purchase farms in this area exists.

Kissinger on Turk aid: 'Just look at the map'

Congress warned of strategic position

By Dana Adams Schmidt
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Washington
The argument that Dr. Henry A. Kissinger has been making to Congress to keep U.S. aid flowing to Turkey — so far in vain — is summed up in one plea:

"Just look at the map!"

The Secretary of State means that the strategic position of Turkey at the crossroads of Soviet routes of access to the Mediterranean and the Middle East, Turkey's armed forces of about half-a-million men and well-known military prowess, and the investment of many billions of American dollars in the economic and military development of Turkey, make it one of the United States' most important allies.

However, at midnight Feb. 4, ships and aircraft headed for Turkey with military aid will almost certainly be diverted by Pentagon orders. Congress will have imposed its will on American foreign policy, and Dr. Kissinger and the Ford administration will have suffered a serious reverse.

Dr. Kissinger has called it a "disaster."

Violation charged

The cutoff in military aid to Turkey is being imposed by Congress because it holds Turkey has violated American law by using American military equipment to invade Cyprus last summer.

The cutoff was to have gone into effect Dec. 10 unless substantial progress had been made toward a negotiated settlement and Turkish withdrawal.

Dr. Kissinger pleaded with congressional leaders and won an extension until Feb. 5.

But Dr. Kissinger's assurances that there were good prospects for progress have not borne fruit, and his renewed appeals to the Democratic leadership in Congress last week appear to have found the legislators adamant.

Dr. Kissinger did report some progress. The Turks were withdrawing 1,000 men. He had planned meetings with the Turkish and Greek foreign ministers on his way to the Middle East in the second week of February.

Strategic position cited

While he could not promise anything, Dr. Kissinger insisted in pri-

vate and in public on Turkey's strategic position for the United States.

The military-aid bill submitted the Pentagon 10 days ago envisaged military aid of \$200 million to Turkey.

But Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton (D-Missouri), and three Democratic congressmen who went to the State Department for a Kissinger briefing on Saturday, were more impressed by the facts that little or no progress had been made to solve the problem about 200,000 Greek Cypriot refugees from territory occupied by the Turks were ready to diminish the 40 percent of Cypriot territory now held by Turkish troops.

This, in the view of Greek Cypriots, amounts to de facto partition of the island and makes hopeless the efforts of local Greek and Turkish Cypriots to negotiate local accommodations.

Withdrawal from NATO?

Dr. Kissinger has indicated that does not expect Turkey to withdraw from the NATO alliance if aid is cut off. He says the main effect would be to make the negotiations on Cyprus more difficult.

But some analysts believe Dr. Kissinger in fact fears the U.S. could not only its base in Greece but its more important position in Turkey. Turkey is used not only by NATO which has a major base at Izmir, but by the U.S. Air Force which has network of bases centering on Ankara.

Beyond that, the analysts say, failure of the negotiations could eventually lead to war between Greece and Turkey. Although the Turks enjoy considerable military superiority over the Greeks, a Greek civil war government struggling to maintain public support and avoid return of military dictatorship might at some stage be driven in desperation to fight for the Greek Cypriot rights.

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Spain pressed to define labor's 'right to strike'

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Madrid
Although strikes are outlawed here in Gen. Francisco Franco's Spain, there were 2,196 of them in 1974.

This is revealed by a report of the official State Labor Union Organization which says that 669,881 workers representing 5.2 percent of the labor force were involved in "collective conflicts" last year causing 1.8 million work days to be lost.

"We are squeezed between the law and reality," say officials of the government's syndicates [government-controlled labor organizations] who now are recommending that the right to strike be legally recognized or at least defined.

Elections permitted

It has been official policy since the mid-'60s to tolerate economically motivated strikes and to crack down on those that seem to be politically inspired. But making a distinction between the two is increasingly difficult as economic and political discontent become more and more intertwined.

The state's syndicate structure is headed by government appointees. At the worker level elections are permitted to choose labor representatives. But the Franco regime's labor organization is increasingly challenged and undermined by the underground "workers' commissions," reputed to be dominated by socialists and communists.

Labor unrest this winter has been particularly extensive and spectacular.

In November a one-day general strike in support of demands for a general amnesty of political prisoners brought out 200,000 Basque workers.

Last month Spain's biggest car-manufacturing plant, Seat, locked out 21,000 of its 26,000 employees. They had been striking because 400 fellow workers had been fired for "discipline." This led to demonstrations in Barcelona and to shouts heard during the Portuguese revolution:

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Pastore expects CIA, FBI to gain

to 'shockers' seen in Senate hearings

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AP photo

Senators Church (left), Pastore affirm value of CIA

public as much as possible, and one in which leaks would not be tolerated — "any member of the staff that leaks information will be fired."

But Senator Pastore says, "Well, you've got to realize that this investigation cannot be compared with Watergate. First of all, it won't have the same drama. This investigation, because of the very nature of it, will have to be in executive session." He doubts for that reason that much of it can be televised as Watergate was, and suggests that what is televised "will be so dull I don't think the audience will be great. . . . I don't see people lining up waiting to get into the hearing room of this."

No 'shockers' expected

The Senator doesn't expect any new shockers to come out of the in-

vestigation either. "I think much of the story has already been told in one fashion or another."

He adds, "Frankly, I think the CIA and the FBI ought to be independent organizations directly responsible to the Congress and the President of the United States." At present neither is an independent agency; the FBI is under the Justice Department, the CIA under the executive office. "This idea that somebody in the White House like [former domestic affairs adviser John D.] Ehrlichman or [former White House chief of staff H. R.] Haldeman can pick up the telephone and tell the deputy director of the CIA 'Give this man [E. Howard] Hunt disguise paraphernalia' and that sort of thing, by what right? Any request of that kind ought to be over the signature of the President of the United States."

N.Y. averts more mass firings

Police, firemen, others decide to go along with budget pleas

By George Moneyhina
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The Christian Science Monitor

New York
Behind Mayor Abraham D. Beame's drastic economies in New York City's budget is the recognition that the biggest city in the U.S. has been teetering dangerously on the brink of financial disaster.

"Financial analysts in and out of city government have been warning that the city had to either make deep cuts in spending or face the eventual prospect of losing its credit rating and possibly even winding up in bankruptcy."

Acutely aware of the seriousness of the budget crisis, Mayor Beame has put into effect the severest austerity program in the city's history. In an attempt to whittle down a deficit of \$430 million in November, the Mayor ordered a series of cutbacks in city spending, including the dismissal of 11,985 city employees. With numerous cuts already made, current estimates put the deficit at \$120.4 million.

More dismissals averted

A dramatic last-minute agreement worked out between Mayor Beame and the union leaders representing city employees managed to avert the scheduled weekend dismissal of 532 policemen, 155 firemen, and 891 other municipal workers.

Hailed by city officials as a precedent-setting breakthrough in labor negotiations, the agreement will save the city an estimated \$32.8 million from its current \$11.1 billion budget.

A sigh of relief went up from City Hall when union leaders, speaking for city policemen and firemen decided to

go along with what Mayor Beame called "contract regressions" which included a provision that policemen work five days without pay over the next 17 months. Firemen agreed to give up one day of leave this year and one next year. Other unions representing city office workers and sanitation men agreed to waive payment by the city to the unions health and welfare fund.

The labor settlement prevented the mass firings of city workers and helped ease the city's immediate financial crunch but by no means completely solved New York's financial problems.

Deficit grew steadily

New York City's budget deficit has been growing steadily in recent years, amid warnings from analysts that only severe economic cutbacks could save the city from eventual bankruptcy.

On Jan. 31 Mayor Beame submitted a stand-pat \$1.9 billion construction budget to the Board of Estimate and City Council declaring that only "essential" new projects were included and that the city's economic crisis "left no room for dramatic initiatives."

Business-community analysts have kept a wary eye on New York's economic situation in recent months. While stopping short of predicting the city would default on its debts, they have nevertheless urged the drastic economy measures now being carried out by the Mayor.

Use of funds questioned

A major concern of investors who keep tabs on municipalities for the

purpose of rating them and lending them money has been the tendency for New York to rely too heavily on its "capital budget" for meeting day-to-day operating expenses. This means money that should be going into the maintenance of city properties is being used elsewhere, and in the long run, a very expensive renewal program may be necessary to offset the years of neglect on highways, roads, and buildings.

The failure of many property owners to pay their real-estate taxes also has added to the city woes. A prime source of city revenue, uncollected real-estate taxes in fiscal 1973-74 were \$148.6 million, up \$26.6 million over the previous year. Many landlords, particularly in slum areas, find it cheaper to abandon buildings rather than pay real-estate taxes that are in arrears.

Many observers, however, see the current moves to cut back programs and payrolls as beneficial in removing unnecessary "fat" from the some 300,000-employee bureaucracy — next to the federal government the second largest in the country.

Report questions supply of food 25 years hence

By the Associated Press

Washington
The nation's farmers will supply enough food for the American people in the next decade or so but there is a basic uncertainty whether enough will be produced 25 years from now, the National Academy of Sciences said in a recent report.

Looking back

Speaking of some of the alleged abuses the Senator said, "Looking back over your shoulder you'd say, 'Well, this is wrong, this is not our way of life, this is inimical to our concept of an open society.' But after all, the FBI is absolutely essential to the safety and security of the country and you've got to say the same thing about the CIA."

Among the allegations are: that the CIA abused its charter by domestic spying and misconduct, that the FBI kept secret files on members of Congress, and that government spies bugged the rooms of delegates to the 1964 Democratic National Convention.

The 11-member bipartisan select committee, headed by Sen. Frank Church (D) of Idaho has been given a budget of \$750,000 and several months to investigate the allegations in a series of hearings that some hope to have the scope of the Watergate hearings.

Senator Church affirms that his "ultimate objective is not to wring" the agencies, "but, if necessary, to reform them." Sunday on CBS's "Face the Nation," he promised a thorough investigation, to be held in

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Forthright facing of problems urged on Christians

New Anglican Church leader takes hold

By Richard M. Harley
Special to
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Canterbury, England — The new primate of the Church of England, Dr. Frederick Donald Coggan, faces some sobering problems on his home territory.

But his enthronement last month as the 101st Archbishop of Canterbury and as the religious leader of some 65 million Anglicans around the world offers renewed hope that the problems can be overcome.

Heading Dr. Coggan's list of priorities are the severe financial difficulties of the church and the need to

reverse the trend of declining numbers of candidates for the ministry.

Inflation has taken its toll. The church cannot afford to pay an adequate stipend to its clergy, and such inflationary fall-out as low investment returns and greatly increased heating costs are an added burden on top of already serious difficulties in the upkeep of church buildings.

More responsibility urged

In the face of this situation, Dr. Coggan answers with a challenge: Each congregation should take more responsibility for supporting its par-

ish financially rather than having to face the prospect of being forced to share a minister with other parishes.

He argues also that the state should be asked to declare an interest in its national church and make a financial contribution.

More than this, however, Dr. Coggan's enthronement address provided this assurance: "The truth is that when confidence revives, and love of God waxes warm, and faith burns bright, financial problems have a strange way of solving themselves."

With respect to the larger world community of Christians, Dr. Coggan calls for deeper unity, as well as a willingness to abandon if necessary

much of "what we have hitherto taken for granted."

Early centuries recalled

He speaks of the current period as a time of tribulation not unlike the first and third centuries. He urges the need to face "unblinkered" the world's violence, materialism, extremes of wealth and poverty, and the despair of "abandonment of the old gods and a pathetic inability to replace them with anything adequate for the needs of modern man."

But Dr. Coggan is optimistic in the face of this problem: "For us crisis speaks of opportunity."

The challenges faced on the church have changed radically in the last few years. However, the new Archbishop embarks upon his term in the wake of some outstanding achievements by his predecessor, Dr. Michael Ramsey.

Fifteen years ago, when Dr. Ramsey became Archbishop of Canterbury in an era of relative economic stability in the Western world, the Anglican Church geared itself toward achieving greater unity with all Christian groups, Protestant and Catholic, as well as toward evangelizing both in England and abroad.

Some reconciliation noted

Since then there has been considerable progress toward reconciling various wings within the Anglican Church. Dr. Ramsey also established a greater working relationship with both the Greek Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church.

And in 1966 he became the first head of the Church of England to visit the Pope in Rome, thus opening a serious Anglican-Catholic dialogue. These stand as major accomplishments, despite the setback in Dr. Ramsey's efforts in his own country to achieve a reunion with the Methodist Church.

Dr. Ramsey's legacy of ecumenical openness was reflected in the unprecedented number of foreign relations dignitaries who attended Dr. Coggan's enthronement in Canterbury Cathedral, among them, for the first time since the Reformation, personal representatives of the Pope. The presence of the Archbishop of Kenya, the Most Rev. Festo Olang, was a reminder that the most rapidly growing branch of the Anglican Church is that of Africa.

Dr. Coggan does not shy away from this ecumenical momentum. He pointed out in his address that the Christian church cannot preach reconciliation to others "if we ourselves are not reconciled." To this end he recognized that the church must be prepared to put aside divisions and selfishness, especially at a time when much of the "global village" (as he put it) is deprived of the basic necessities without which no human being can fully live.

Already the impact of the new primate's confidence and his refusal to be "interested in the possibility of defeat" have not gone unnoticed. Many churchmen feel far-reaching improvements in the church's situation may not be far off.

IRA blames Dublin on cease-fire

By Jonathan Harsch
Special correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

Dublin — The illegal provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) now blames the Irish Government here in Dublin for blocking a renewed cease-fire in Northern Ireland.

The IRA claims credit for the latest wave of bombings and killings in the North, including the ambushing of a police patrol in which one policeman was killed and two others wounded. It says such attacks could stop if the Dublin government agreed to grant political-prisoner status to the 163 convicted IRA men now held in Irish prisons.

To highlight this drive, the IRA last month ordered 41 prisoners to go on a hunger strike.

The most seriously affected by a month on water and salt is Patrick Ward from Donegal. Public protest meetings have called on the Dublin authorities to save Ward's life and facilitate a Northern Ireland cease-

fire by granting the IRA prisoners political status.

The Irish Government replies sternly that the IRA prisoners are in jail for specific criminal offenses and must be treated as ordinary criminals. The government warns that forced feeding will not be used to keep hunger strikers alive.

Support for this tough stand came from an unexpected source over the weekend.

While Pat Ward was reported growing weaker, and his mother went on hunger strike herself to support his protest, Pat's brother Edward denounced the IRA and their brutal tactics.

Fisherman Eddie Ward described his younger brother as an idealist who would remain on hunger strike until the IRA command rescinded its orders.

Eddie Ward told Dublin newsmen: "I think the IRA wants a martyr but I don't want my brother to be a martyr to prop them up."

Eddie has tried to mediate. He presented a list of compromises to his

brother and to the Irish Department of Justice. Both apparently accepted this. But the IRA leadership refused to meet Eddie Ward or consider his proposals.

Edward Ward's courageous attack on the IRA could knock down the humanitarian image the IRA was trying to establish. Many here argue that it shows the obstacle to peace is not the British or Irish governments, but the IRA itself.

This development makes it no easier for the IRA to back down, as it must if it is to renew the Northern Ireland cease-fire.

Last week the British Government released a report on legal measures to combat Northern Ireland terrorism. The report concluded that in the present circumstances, detention without trial and nonjury trials must be continued. It also recommended ending special privileges given to the 1,100 so-called political prisoners in Northern Ireland jails.

Wider effects possible

So if the IRA gives up its drive for political-prisoner status in Southern jails, there will be wider effects. An IRA back-down in the South could be followed by IRA men in Northern jails becoming ordinary prisoners. They would lose such rights as extra food and visits and the carrot of early release.

Most important, political prisoners would lose the freedom to rule within their own compounds. At present in Northern Ireland's main detention center, the Maze at Long Kesh, the 700 IRA men and their extreme Protestant counterparts are allowed to march and train with dummy arms.

[Mervyn Rees, the British Government minister in charge of Northern Ireland affairs, said on Northern Ireland television he was not optimistic about the prospects that the IRA truce, which ran out on Jan. 16, would be renewed. Reuter reported.]

[A joint appeal from Roman Catholic and Protestant church leaders condemned the latest resurgence of violence. "People will not find it easy to forgive those who throw away a genuine chance of a lasting peace," the churchmen warned.]

*Pet birth control urged

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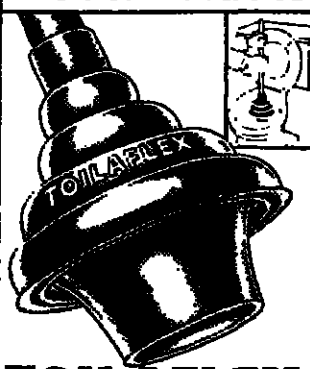
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Emotional plant test questioned

By David F. Salisbury
Staff correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

New York — Cleve Backster steps up to the lectern — the man who hooked a lie detector to a houseplant's leaf and saw electrical responses suggesting plants have a secret life of their own. He is presenting and defending his lie experiment before a scientific audience at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) here. The scientific establishment has in recent times decided it should take Mr. Backster's claims seriously, at least to disprove them.

"There is a gap between what the people believe and what scientists believe," says Dr. Arthur Galston, attempting to explain why he organized the encounter between Mr. Backster and critical scientists. "I think we have a responsibility to get the truth."

hundreds of 'observations'

Dr. Galston and the other scientists on the panel were scrupulously polite. Mr. Backster was very modest. He does not claim to have scientifically proved that plants are conscious of human thoughts or that they can sense pain and death in other animals — but that is clearly his message.

Mr. Backster claims to have made thousands of "observations" that point to such a conclusion. For instance, he has seen violent reactions in the polygraph when he pours oiling water down the sink. This, he speculates, could be because the plants sense the death of the microbes in drain.

In one of his latest experiments, Mr. Backster hooked up some yogurt to a lie detector. Then he took some other yogurt across the room and poured milk into it. Unusual reading on the lie detector could indicate yogurt-to-yogurt communication, he feels.

The only "experiment" the experimental Intelligence Agency employee has reported involves killing brine shrimp in the presence of several philodendrons. A number of these responded when the tiny shrimp were dropped into boiling water.

But when others have attempted to repeat this experiment they have failed.

Unsuccessful experiments

One group that tried was an enthusiastic trio of Cornell University undergraduates. They sought out Mr. Backster's advice to set up the experiment, but their philodendrons just did not respond.

More recently, Dr. John M. Kmetz, working for a wealthy supporter of Mr. Backster's theories, attempted to duplicate the shrimp experiment. Dr. Kmetz also failed.

Mr. Backster claims these people did not do his experiment right. He emphasizes that the phenomena he has seen is "repeatable, but can't be forced."

This is the "catch-22" of studying the secret life of plants. The plants will not perform on demand. Belief in the plant's abilities seems to be an essential ingredient. However, this makes it impossible to tell whether what believers see is something actual, or just the product of their belief.

But the Cornell students were believers. Then Dr. Kmetz claims to have done everything that Mr. Backster suggested. Though Mr. Backster says Dr. Kmetz did a number of things wrong.

Britain's innovative referendum on Common Market

By Richard Burt
Special to
The Christian Science Monitor

London — When voters go to the polls in June to decide whether Britain will remain in the Common Market, they will be participating in a brand-new constitutional experiment.

The plans for Britain's referendum announced last week by Prime Minister Harold Wilson have stirred a growing controversy over the legal implications of the plan that has almost overshadowed the more basic question of whether Britain should stay in or out of Europe.

Many of the details of the procedure for deciding Britain's Common Market fate have yet to be made public by the government, but it is clear that Mr. Wilson's complicated plan is designed primarily to avoid conflict within the badly fractured Labour Party. In the process, he has caused many politicians to wonder what the impact of the Wilson plan will be on British political institutions.

At the heart of the question is the national referendum itself, which is seen as a major political innovation for Britain. Referenda have been held in the past, but in local areas and concerned with relatively minor issues.

Challenge claimed

Members of Parliament of all the major parties have argued this week that by "going to the people" on the Common Market, the central characteristic of British Government — parliamentary sovereignty — has been challenged.

Constitutional experts, however, point out that the referendum procedure under the Wilson plan does give Parliament a role in the debate, both before and after the national referendum. Prior to the vote, Parliament will be given an opportunity to debate a white paper outlining the results of the government's efforts to achieve better terms of Common Market membership. Following the referendum, Parliament will still have the legal responsibility to vote on whether Britain stays or leaves.

Despite these obligations, some members of Parliament, including Conservative opposition leader Edward Heath, have argued that the referendum still deprives Parliament of its essential decision-making powers because it would be inconceivable that the body would override the wishes of the British electorate on such an important issue.

Nationalists support

Other politicians have voiced a fear that the referendum might become a fixed part of the political scene and be used to resolve a number of other controversial issues.

Not surprisingly, the Common Market referendum has won the wide-

spread backing of Scottish and Welsh nationalists, who view it as a possible model for future balloting on questions of increased regional autonomy and even independence.

Another segment of the Wilson plan that has provoked controversy is the formula worked out for expressing the Cabinet position on the Common Market question. Barring to strong pressures both within the Labour Party and elsewhere for the Cabinet to recommend a "yes" or "no" vote in the referendum, Mr. Wilson has promised that following the windup of the renegotiation effort under way in Brussels, the Cabinet will take a definite public position on the issue.

However, in an obvious attempt to

avoid a major split between pro and anti-Market forces in the government, Mr. Wilson also has promised that individual members of the Cabinet will then be free to publicly express their individual preferences.

Like the referendum, this is a major break from the traditions of Cabinet solidarity and the principle that Cabinet members have the choice of either supporting general government policy or resigning.

Mr. Wilson probably had no alternative but to adopt this novel approach. It is widely believed that following talks late last year with German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and French President Giscard d'Estaing, he wants to keep Britain in the

European Community, as does Foreign Secretary James Callaghan.

Thus, Mr. Wilson is free to recommend that Britain stay in the Community, while allowing strong anti-Market spokesmen, like Industry Secretary Tony Benn, to take the opposite position. Political analysts argue that if the voters follow Mr. Wilson's probable line and vote to stay in the Market, he will have won a major political victory and avoided a bloody party split.

However, they also note that Mr. Wilson's strategy could backfire: If the voters reject the government's advice, then Mr. Wilson would probably lose his hold over the Labour Party and a general election would soon follow.

Pakistan to push again for more U.S. arms

By Qutubuddin Asif
Special to
The Christian Science Monitor

Karachi, Pakistan — Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto is expected to press once again for the resumption of U.S. arms supply to Pakistan when he confers with President Ford in Washington on Feb. 6.

Mr. Bhutto failed in this same quest when he last visited the United States in September, 1973, for talks with President Nixon. One of the objectives of his upcoming Washington visit will be to get acquainted with President Ford and establish a personal rapport with him.

All he has obtained so far is assurance that "the United States would continue to support the sovereignty and territorial integrity of a strong, secure, and prosperous Pakistan" and that "this would remain an important principle of American foreign policy."

In recent months, Prime Minister Bhutto has repeatedly urged the United States Government to lift the embargo on the sale of weapons to

Pakistan. His argument is that Pakistan is entitled to get American conventional weapons under its treaty relationship with the United States.

Nuclear deterrent?

He has hinted that Pakistan may have to think of possessing a nuclear deterrent if it does not succeed in getting the conventional weapons that would make it feel secure in the face of India's atomic capability and its increasing military strength.

Indications are that Pakistan would be willing to pay cash for any arms it is permitted to buy in the United States once the embargo is lifted.

Between 1953 and 1964, Pakistan was the recipient of sizable American military aid and Pakistan's armed forces were largely American-equipped. The embargo on the sale of weapons both to Pakistan and India was imposed by the U.S. Government when the two subcontinental neighbors fought a war in September, 1965.

Imports from U.S.

Pakistan at present imports nonle-

thal military material from the United States, mostly spare parts for previously supplied arms. In the past nine years, it has imported arms from China, France, Britain, and certain other European countries. It purchased a small quantity of military hardware from the Soviet Union in 1969-70.

Prime Minister Bhutto had raised the arms-supply issue in his talks with U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in Rawalpindi last October. However, there was no mention of it in the official communiqué. American diplomats have been more impressed with the step-by-step thaw in India-Pakistan relations since the 1972 Simla Agreement and the revival of telecommunications, trade, travel, and postal service between the two neighbors.

Assurances given

Bilateral economic relations between the United States and Pakistan will also loom large in Mr. Bhutto's talks at the White House. U.S. officials have been acquainted in depth

with Pakistan's economic needs.

U.S. AID administrator Daniel S. Parker, visiting in Pakistan on Jan. 21, gave assurances that the United States would continue to give "high priority" to Pakistan in providing development assistance. Nevertheless, he cautioned, foreign-aid programs would be subjected to more rigorous scrutiny by the Congress and the administration and expansion in aid flow might be difficult. The current annual American commodity and project aid to Pakistan is about \$150 million.

Prime Minister Bhutto may seek Washington's assurance of a larger supply of wheat this year. Pakistan expects a million-ton food deficit because of the inadequacy of rainfall and the extraordinarily low level of water in most Pakistani rivers. Last October, Dr. Kissinger had agreed to send Pakistan 100,000 tons of wheat.

Pakistani officials are forecasting a spurt in grain output beginning next year when irrigation water from the giant Tarbela Dam is expected to be available to wheat farmlands.

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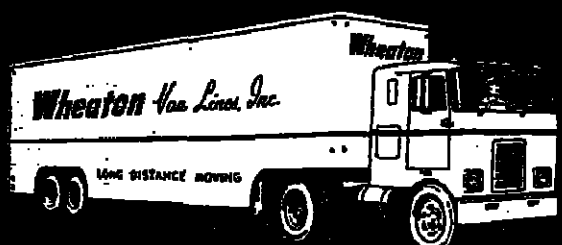
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WITH ANALYSIS
FROM MONITOR CORRESPONDENTS
AROUND THE WORLD

U.S. due to increase combat force in Europe

Munich, Germany
Army Secretary Howard H. Callaway told a NATO conference Sunday that American combat strength in Europe would be increased during 1975 and that this trend would continue over the



Army Secretary Callaway

"Only if we maintain and increase our strength will we serve the cause of detente," Secretary Callaway said of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Speaking of the Warsaw Pact, he said: "I believe that if the others clearly realize that we are prepared to counter the threat of war then we shall not have to live through the horror of war."

Mr. Callaway told NATO defense experts and officials attending the two-day international defense information meeting that "today's U.S. Army is a stronger force than ever existed in peacetime."

The Army secretary said that in 1972 U.S. combat troops made up 59 percent of the total U.S. troop strength in Europe. That percentage now stands at 62 and should climb to 71 in 1977, Secretary Callaway said. The United States has about 200,000 Army troops stationed in Europe, most of them in West Germany.

Ohio Democrat asks probe of Agnew wealth

Washington
Congress should investigate reports that former Vice-President Spiro Agnew has become rich since he resigned his office, Rep. Ronald M. Mott said here. The Ohio Democrat said Mr. Agnew and former Attorney-General Richard Kleindienst should be asked to testify at a congressional hearing about recent reports that they are acting as consultants to investors from Arab countries.

"Agnew is apparently on his way to becoming a multi-millionaire by

peddling influence and helping Arab investors buy control of American coal mines, real estate, and industry," Mr. Mott said in a statement. Mr. Agnew resigned as Vice-President in October, 1973, after pleading no contest to a charge of tax evasion.

Addis Ababa silent over rebel fighting

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Secessionist guerrillas and government troops battled with machine guns, mortars, rockets, and grenades in the streets of Asmara Sunday, leaving at least 50 persons killed and more than 100 injured in the heaviest fighting since the rebel movement began in the Eritrean province 12 years ago, official sources reported. They said close fighting raged around the airport and near the U.S. Consulate in Asmara, the provincial capital of Eritrea about 450 miles north of Addis Ababa.

Meanwhile, two villages in Ethiopia's troubled northern province were almost totally destroyed in bombing raids Sunday, as government planes battered secessionist guerrilla strongholds, eyewitnesses said.

The Ethiopian government, in the hands of young revolutionary officers since the overthrow of Emperor Haile Selassie last September, has yet to acknowledge any large-scale fighting in Asmara. Neither the national radio nor television has made any mention of the fighting in the strategic northernmost province that controls Ethiopia's outlet to the sea.

France to search for ocean oil

Paris
The French Government gave the go-ahead Saturday to oil exploration of the Atlantic Ocean between the western French coast and Cornwall. The area does not include territory disputed by Britain although the two nations disagree on the borders of oil-drilling rights in the region.

Drilling was expected to start within two to three months, according to the Energy Planning Council chaired by President Giscard d'Estaing.

Geological studies in the area so far have not revealed any positive signs of petroleum, and the National Center for Oceanic Exploration has warned against hopes that the region could

turn into an oil and gas bonanza like Britain's North Sea. French oil companies will have majority holdings in all exploration in the area. Officials said requests for permits have also come from Exxon, Texaco, and Mobil.

Physicist reports powerful new particle

Tokyo
A Japanese physicist announced Sunday the discovery of a new elementary particle which he said could lead to a source of power 1,000 times greater than atomic energy. Prof. Kiyoshi Niu of Nagoya University said his new particle is heavier and has a longer life span than any particle known.

He said its life span is one-tenth-billionth of a second, compared with a

particle discovered last November at the Stanford linear accelerator in Palo Alto, Calif., which exists for less than one-trillionth of a second. The Stanford discovery was described as one of the biggest in the field of high-energy physics in years.

Bill asks loans to avert mortgage foreclosures

Washington
A bill to provide federal loans for homeowners faced with mortgage foreclosure because of economic problems has been introduced by 85 members of the House of Representatives. The bill directs the secretary of housing and urban development (HUD) to defray mortgage payments for

homeowners with economic problems until they are able to reassume their own obligations, up to two years for any one family.

HUD would be responsible for determining which homeowners are threatened with foreclosure and have reasonable prospects of eventually paying back the government for all financial aid. HUD also would set repayment terms for the loans.

Nobel winner warns of world nuclear peril

Dublin
The Nobel Peace Prize winner and United Nations official, Sean McBride, told the International Women's Conference in Dublin Saturday that the world faces nuclear disaster, writes Monitor correspondent Jonathan Harsch.

Mr. McBride called on women to use their greater knowledge and wider view of the issues of life and death to pull the world back from the brink. He also asked women to spearhead demands for a world disarmament conference to outlaw nuclear weapons.

Mr. McBride said a devastating nuclear war is imminent. Describing himself as someone who knows, he said the only thing now discussed at meetings between the major powers is the rate at which they can increase nuclear armament.

Chicago truck drivers struggle for jobs

Chicago
Unemployment is high in the trucking industry in Chicago. According to Ed Finner, head of the independent Chicago Truck Drivers Union, and Louis F. Peick, secretary-treasurer of Local 705 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, at least one of every 10 local cartage drivers is idle there, writes Ed Townsend, Monitor labor correspondent.

To ease the situation, the two leaders, representing 25,000 Chicago-area truckers, this week clamped down on overtime work scheduled by employers. Contracts limit work to 10 hours a day or 50 a week, but many companies have been permitted to schedule more work than that. They no longer will be allowed to; work must be spread around.

This will mean the end of overtime-inflated wages for some drivers, but others will return to trucking payrolls.

MINI-BRIEFS

Wisconsin violence

Public officials reported an attempt to firebomb a night club early Sunday in Shawano, Wis., as national guardsmen tightened security around an abandoned estate in nearby Gresham, where the Menominee Warrior Society began its armed occupation on Jan. 1. A local white resident was shot just outside the estate perimeter on Saturday.

U.S. aid to Syria

The State Department has notified Congress that it intends to go ahead with \$25 million in economic aid for Syria, a move designed to soften resistance to Secretary Henry A. Kissinger's Middle East diplomacy. T aid is to begin Feb. 22 unless actively blocked by Congress.

Phone call recordings

A spokesman for the American Telephone & Telegraph Company confirmed Saturday that portions of a number of long-distance telephone calls were recorded from the end of 1965 to the beginning of 1970. Press relations director William Mullane said in New York that he did not know the number of calls recorded but that calls from St. Louis, New York, Detroit, Miami, Los Angeles, and Newark, N.J., were involved.

Angola transition

Portugal has handed over power to an African-dominated transitional government which will lead Angola to full independence in November. The announcement was made in Luanda Friday by a senior Portuguese official in the presence of officials of three Angolan liberation movements that form the transitional government.

Nixon tape ruling

A federal judge in Washington has ruled that the government — not President Nixon — owns thousands of presidential papers and Watergate tapes collected during the Nixon White House years. U.S. District Judge Charles Richey said the Nixon claim was "repugnant to the very nature of the office of the president."

* Arab oilmen offer olive branch to West

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But, it continues, an encouraging degree of unanimity already exists on these basic points:

- Oil prices will be frozen in real terms until 1980. Adjustments for inflation will be phased in slowly, so oil costs actually will decline significantly in the next few years.

- OPEC will guarantee to supply the world with the oil it needs.

- Petrodollars will be recycled as credits, including loans to buy oil, to Western countries with adverse payments balances.

Package deal

OPEC conceived the proposals as a package deal, although individual items are negotiable, the survey says. OPEC also will require a Western quid pro quo, including:

- A Western commitment to a constructive dialogue with the "third world" including OPEC.

- A fair relation between oil prices and the cost of imported goods and services from industrial countries.

- The transfer of Western technology to developing countries, together with access to developed markets for the products of third world industries.

- No restrictions on the oil countries' use of their assets.

- Fair prices for other raw materials besides oil.

- A stronger voice for the third world in international monetary decisionmaking.

Economic need

The Algerian presentation was inspired in large measure by the United Nations General Assembly's proposals for "a new international economic order" adopted after last year's special assembly session on the problems of raw materials and development.

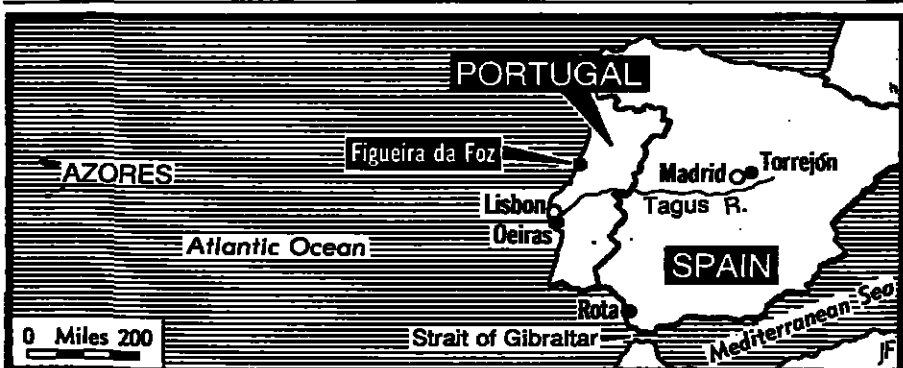
Proposed OPEC aid to developing

nations includes various forms of financial assistance, construction of 10 large fertilizer plants in OPEC countries to meet third world demand, plus pressure on industrial countries to revise their commercial relations with producers of raw materials to encourage real development.

The Algerians say Europe and Japan have an economic need for oil that would prevent them from follow-

ing any extreme initiative by Washington, for which oil primarily is a political issue colored by the United States' involvement with Israel and its posture vis-a-vis the Soviet Union.

The proposed timetable calls for the OPEC summit to be followed by a limited preparatory conference in Paris in March between industrial and OPEC countries, leading to a full international conference in the fall.



By Joan Forbes, staff cartographer

Mediterranean approaches: key defense points

* Soviets in Mediterranean bid?

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came last month after the Communists had made a significant gain within the Portuguese Government. This was the forcing through of a controversial trade-union law likely to work to their advantage. The Communist Party leader, Alvaro Cunhal — who fills the one seat allocated to the Communists in the Cabinet — got his way by winning the support of the radically inclined military man who is Prime Minister, Brig. Vasco dos Santos Gonçalves.

Political backlash

But this Communist victory — which might have encouraged the Russians — may well be in the process of producing its own back-

lash. Socialist Party leader and Foreign Minister Mario Soares has been speaking up with vigor against extremism and for parliamentary democracy. He has also defended NATO — but questioned the timeliness of a current NATO naval exercise off Portugal. Further, the radically inclined wing of the Armed Forces Movement — which staged last April's coup and now is the power behind the government — may have harmed itself by too obvious association with the Communists.

It is against this background that the leaked report from Lisbon should be seen — a leak perhaps intended to kill the possibility of Moscow's getting what it wants.

* Vanishing plant life

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who directed work on the Smithsonian's endangered plant report. "The extinction of any species of plant or animal is an irretrievable loss of unique genetic material that cannot be duplicated."

A variety of factors can cause plant species to die out. "Of course, there are natural causes," notes Thomas Cobb of the National Parks and Conservation Association, "such as fire, drought, flooding, and climatic changes."

"But man's activities endanger them, too. The application of herbicides and pesticides, drainage of swamps and bogs, strip mining, irrigation. Commercial collectors have threatened about 90 percent of our native cacti. They prey on rare and beautiful specimens, some of which are worth \$300 apiece, and haul them off by the truckload."

While seed banks and botanical gardens offer hope for solutions to the problem of endangered species, "the report's main recommendation to Congress," says Robert De Filippis, coordinator of the Smithsonian's endangered species project, "is to protect the habitats these plants grow in."

Protection charted

"Plants are the only organisms able to live on an inorganic environment," Dr. Irwin notes, stressing the crucial function of habitat for plants. "Plants draw food from air, soil, and water, and their relation to the non-living environment is closer than that of animals."

Botanists have already begun to map the ranges of threatened plant species in order to help the U.S. Department of Interior pinpoint areas of nationally protected land where their populations can be restored under optimum conditions in natural surroundings.

Meanwhile, aided by other interested botanists, both professional and amateur, Mr. Mazzeo continues his search for *Betula* uber. In this quest the case of *Franklinia* buoys his spirits. A member of the *Camellia* family once native to Georgia's coastal plain, *Franklinia* has not been sighted growing wild since 1814. In 1795, fortunately, Philadelphia plant fanciers collected specimens which now survive in cultivation.

If he can somewhere find a surviving member of the species, Mr. Mazzeo intends to do the same thing for *Betula* uber.

* Missing GIs—Viet 'sightings'

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Neither time, says a National League of Families spokeswoman, were the families involved told of the sightings by the U.S. Government. League member Mrs. Maureen Smith of Wichita, Kan., says that the families had to find out about the sightings through independent sources, although the information already existed in government files. Only when the families "told the government everything they knew" about the sightings, says Mrs. Smith, were the sightings finally acknowledged.

The families of those men are still waiting to hear whether their "bearded Caucasians... in one-piece flight suits" are alive somewhere in Cambodia.

They are among the 1,287 MIAs, 80 military POWs, 21 civilians, and 23 journalists not accounted for yet in the aftermath of the war, which officially ended with the Jan. 27, 1973, cease-fire.

"They're prisoners of peace," says Mrs. Charles K. Walters of Spokane, Wash., a league member whose husband, U.S. Air Force Capt. Donovan Walters was shot down over Hanoi in December, 1972, and is listed as MIA but was subsequently on record in a Hanoi POW camp.

'The most silent minority'

"You're looking at the most silent minority in the world, these men; they haven't said anything since they were shot down.... This government has a responsibility to those men who wore their government's uniform," says Mrs. Ann Howes, a league member from Wichita.

As she said it, she held a picture of her brother-in-law, Chief Warrant Officer George Andrews Howes, listed as MIA in South Vietnam in January, 1970, but reported as sighted en route to Laos later that year.

(Both Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Howes are also officers of the Forgotten American Committee of Kansas).

On the basis of National League Families meetings with White House State Department, and Department Defense officials this week, M. Smith says: "For the first time in 10 years the government is making real effort to do something about the issue and be candid with us." She notes that the previous administration "was reluctant to share information, good or bad, with families MIAs and POWs, and there were visible signs that the issue had a priority."

Task force considered

The Ford administration, she says, has pushed for and gotten a United Nations resolution on the POW-MIA issue, and now is discussing plans for a presidential task force to investigate the status of all POWs and MIAs, to open up the channels of communication with the North Vietnamese so that the whereabouts of condition of these men, whom the alone have records of, can be ascertained.

The league has rejected the administration's initial suggestion that a task force include only a representative from the Pentagon, one from the Veterans Administration, and one from the State Department. It would like, instead, to see a member of Congress, well-versed in international and constitutional law; a statesman of the caliber of former Ambassador David Bruce, a member of the administration, who already has demonstrated knowledge and interest in the plight of MIA-POWs; and most important, a former POW. Negotiations are still under way, but as Mrs. Smith says, "we've been told that the President is willing to reconsider" if makeup of the task force.

* What led to Ford deficit; how he'd control it

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The 1976 deficit, he stressed, will rise to nearly \$70 billion, if Congress does not "walk the extra mile with him" and trim existing programs by \$17 billion, as he proposes in his new budget message.

Ullman voices doubt

These cuts, the President previously disclosed, include putting a 5 percent "cap" on cost-of-living increases for social security, government pension programs, and other projects tied by law to the consumer price index.

About \$6 billion of the \$17 billion, said Mr. Ullman, "goes directly to retired and low-income Americans." It is "highly doubtful," added Mr. Ullman, that Congress will approve such cutbacks.

Mr. Ford urged the new budget committees of

Congress to "study carefully" his proposed \$349 billion budget, to set spending totals and "live within them."

Under new procedures adopted last year, both houses of Congress have created budget committees, empowered to set overall spending limits, within which appropriations must be held.

Government, said President Ford, now consumes nearly one-third of the nation's output of goods and services, and the "growth rate [of government spending] is twice that of the gross national product."

At this rate, said Mr. Ford, in two decades government will "sneeze away" more than half of all the American people produce. Put another way, more than half the real income of each American would go to pay for government programs.

* Congress, Burns collide on credit

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twice this week, first before the Reuss Banking Committee (Feb. 6) and, the next day, before the Joint Economic Committee.

'Dialogue' sought

Representative Reuss, one of the most influential men in Congress on economic matters, says he wants money supply to grow "at least 6 percent for the next four or five months." He wants a "dialogue" with Dr. Burns.

A bill to force the Fed to increase money supply now is pending. The seven-man Federal Reserve

Board, by buying or selling government securities, is able to decrease or increase money in circulation, and this in turn makes "tight" or "easy" credit. It helps determine, for example, the interest rate buyers must pay for home mortgages.

Sacrifice for Bangladesh

By the Associated Press
Shrewsbury, England
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Weaver of the central English city auctioned nearly all their worldly goods to aid hungry victims in Bangladesh. They raised \$1,064.

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By Gordon N. Converse, chief photographer

An energy dilemma: man-made pollution means more clouds—and less sunshine

By David F. Salisbury
Staff writer of
The Christian Science Monitor

man looks for more food, more energy, he changes world's weather in subtle ways only now being understood. The search for answers to the mysteries of climate change breaks new ground.

The task of piecing together the vast puzzle of the earth's weather changes has new dimensions these days. More and more, scientists agree that recent weather changes are connected to the search for more food and more energy. Only does weather affect food, but energy and agriculture affects climate. The action and the extent of these effects remain a mystery which scientists want to solve.

So far, as they strain some of the world's great computers, study satellite photos, and run large-scale atmospheric experiments, practitioners of the new science of climate change cannot agree where the different pieces of the "puzzle" fit.

Although they all conceive of the climate as a delicate balance of many forces, they agree on which factors dominate the nation.

Yet enough progress has been made so that many researchers now feel short-range climate forecasts will be possible in the coming years. And the U.S. Domestic Council is considering a proposal for three-month forecasts based on analysis of present satellite data. Much of this is not used now.

mate study set up

This summer climate studies achieved a permanent place in the National Science Foundation. An Office of Climate Dynamics is established. Extensive work is being done by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colo.

The progress of climate research coupled with concern over climatic effects of increasing world energy use recently prompted Dr. Alvin Winberg of the Federal Energy Administration to propose a national institute for climate research.

Scientists have already established that waste heat from large cities can change local climates. In Washington, D.C., the frost-free growing season is one month longer than in outlying areas. Dr. James Peterson of NOAA has found. Also, cities average as much as 10 degrees hotter and have less snowfall and fog than rural areas.

But on a global scale the sun still overshadows humanity's energy output. Climate studies indicate that until human activities add 1 percent to the solar energy soaked up by earth, they should have no climate effects. By the year 2000 mankind's efforts could be one-tenth of this.

Aerosols produced

But besides putting out heat, burning coal and oil pours vast amounts of tiny particles — aerosols — into the atmosphere. In less than 25 years man-made aerosols may equal that from natural sources, scientists say.

This could account for the worldwide cooling trend since 1945, which has spurred widespread speculation about the return of the ice ages. Aerosols flung high into the stratosphere by volcanic eruptions 2 million years ago might have caused the onset of the last Ice Age. University of Rhode Island scientists, measuring volcanic particles, estimate that the dust in the air at that time was some 400 times greater than today.

There are still other ways that thousands of human-scale actions might be affecting climate. For instance Dr. P. V. Hobbs of the University of Washington argues that certain types of air pollution may be doing just that. In particular he is concerned about pollutants that affect clouds.

Clouds play an important role in earth's heat budget. Because they reflect a large

percentage of the sunlight that falls on them back into space, an increase in total cloud cover should decrease world temperatures.

Recent photos from the Earth Resources Technology Satellite document the effect of pollution on clouds. Those forming over the plumes of Gary, Indiana, steel mills were visibly larger and brighter than their companions.

Over-grazing cited

While weather's influence on farming is obvious, evidence that people's use and abuse of the land can change the climate is of recent vintage. Intensive study of the drought in the sub-Sahara indicates that overgrazing there played a major role.

After studying the drought, Prof. Jule Charney of Massachusetts Institute of Technology argues that a large area like the African Sahel perpetuates the climatic conditions which cause a desert to form. A large mass of stable, dry air forms which inhibits rainfall. Once formed, a desert feeds back on itself.

On the other hand, modern "green revolution" crops require intensive irrigation. In some areas this can alter the moisture over an entire region. Tapping fossil waters in Tunisia has increased the evaporation of water in the region by 50 percent. Some climatologists, like Kurt Rundtinski of Frankfurt University, claim that water use could affect climate. Because water absorbs and gives off heat as it changes back and forth between liquid and vapor, it plays a major role in weather processes.

Power stations equipped with cooling towers release thousands of acre-feet of water into the atmosphere. Industries using processed steam contribute still more. Dr. Rundtinski estimates that 30 percent of all the rainfall in West Germany is returned directly to the atmosphere as a result of human activity. This is a factor to be closely watched.

Modern agriculture may also affect climate through its use of chemical fertilizers. According to Dr. Michael McElroy of Harvard University, today's widespread fertilizer use might result in a decrease of the ozone layer, earth's shield against harmful ultraviolet light in the upper atmosphere.

In nature, bacteria chemically grab nitrogen out of the air and convert it into forms useful and essential for plants. Some of this is released as nitrogen oxide when living matter decomposes. Studies have revealed that nitrogen oxide plays a major role in controlling ozone.

Excess of nitrogen

The nitrogen compounds in commercial fertilizer come from industrial processes. The nitrogen coming from this source rivals the amount captured by all the bacteria in the world, says Dr. McElroy.

He wonders what will happen as more and more crops are grown on synthetic fertilizers. Will increased amounts of nitrogen oxides work up into the upper atmosphere and decrease the ozone concentration?

If it does, the increased amounts of ultraviolet might make marginal areas less productive, he says. There is little information about its effects on plant and animal life.

These are some of the many ways that scientists think food, energy, and climate interact. But the different effects, like heating from thermal pollution and cooling due to aerosols, are often opposite, and no one knows at what level each becomes important.

As climatologist John Imbrie of Brown University puts it, "Mankind is marching into the future armed only with the knowledge that substantial climatic changes can occur." The new vitality of climate research holds promise that sometime in the future this will no longer be the case.

'Native Americans': how to mend broken treaties?



America's Indians, proud of their heritage, claim 20th-century America is not being fair to them — or abiding by legal treaties. The Shoshone woman (left) symbolizes many Indians today; in modern attire, she prepares a meal.

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Native Americans, or "Indians," as the man calls them, are becoming increasingly bold in demanding their treaty rights, the central thrust of their movement is toward "sovereignty."

The most radical groups, such as the American Indian Movement (AIM) and the International Indian Treaty Council, use the word to mean the establishment of independent Indian nations free to govern themselves and preserve their traditions without interference from the U.S. Government in the name of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Indians claim that they were recognized as sovereign nations in the approximately 370 treaties that the United States made and subsequently broke by seizing their lands, abrogating their rights, and overruling their independence. The radicals have lost confidence in the legislative and judicial branches of the government to press their grievances and are seeking support and recognition from international groups such as the United Nations.

An illustration of the impasse that the one billion Indians of this nation face is the ruling by federal district Judge Warren K. Bowman on Jan. 17, 1975, against the motion to dismiss for want of jurisdiction the United States of America v. Consolidated Wounded Knee cases.

In the text of his decision, in which he deplored "the ugly history" of the treatment of the Indian by the white man, Judge Urbom wrote: "In summary the law is that native American tribes do not have complete sovereignty, and have only as much internal sovereignty as has not been relinquished by them by treaty or explicitly taken by act of the United States Congress."

Earlier rulings cited

His decision is in line with previous Supreme Court rulings against the concept of Indian sovereignty, abolished through the alleged constitutional right of legislative and executive branches of the government to override the provisions of treaties.

The issue in the case was whether those Indians charged with criminal acts during the occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D., were under the legal jurisdiction of the U.S. Government or the Oglala Sioux, on whose territory Wounded Knee is located. The Sioux claimed that the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie gave them jurisdiction; by denying the motion the judge, however, apologetically, also denied by implication the validity of the treaty and the sovereign status of the Sioux nation.

(Had he ruled in their favor, the way would have been clear for the Sioux to sue the government for billions of dollars worth of lost territory to which the treaty entitles them.)

It is a case such as this that explains why Indian nations like the Mohawk have decided to take the law into their own hands.

Fraud alleged

The Mohawk nation is a member of the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy, which has proudly refused U.S. citizenship and asserted sovereign status throughout its history. In May, 1974, a band of an estimated 90 Mohawk "traditionalists," dissatisfied with conditions on their reservation, seized an abandoned 612-acre former girls' camp in New York's Adirondack State Park. They proclaimed that not only this land but nine million additional acres — which they call by its original name Ganienkeh, meaning land of the flint — was taken from them by fraud almost two centuries ago.

The state of New York has filed suit in

federal court to evict the Mohawks from the land. Last week the Mohawk attorneys filed a motion to dismiss the suit.

Nancy Stearns of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York explained their position: "Since the dispute exists between two independent sovereign nations, it cannot properly be decided in a U.S. court but only in an international forum or through diplomatic negotiations. The Mohawks have vowed that whatever the outcome they will not leave their lands, and the recent woundings, allegedly in self-defense, of a white man and white girl, indicated they mean it."

A religious issue

Behind the Indian fight for restoration and control of land there are not only economic considerations regarding such crucial issues as hunting, fishing, and grazing rights and the use of natural resources but also deep religious ones.

Reverence for the land and all that lives and grows on it is at the root of the Indian religion and cultural identity. The earth is the sacred mother who feeds and once belonged to all her children. The Mohawks have declared their intention to return to traditional ways for religious, ecological, and moral reasons.

They want to live off the land "according to the rules of nature." They believe that by reviving the original co-op system of economy, without money and technology, they will "relearn a new morality."

The Mohawks have invited all traditional Indians to join them, but refuse to admit whites. Asked why, one Indian replied, "Because whenever we have allowed them on our land they have taken it away from us."

Of course, the radicals do not represent the point of view of all Indians, even all traditionalists. There are myriad Indian groups, some of more moderate or conservative persuasions, and any given tribe or nation — The Sioux, the Menominee, and the western Shoshone, for example — is likely to find itself rent by opposing factions.

Labeled, depending on one's point of view as constructive, assimilationist, progressive, "sell-out," and "apple" (red on the outside and white on the inside), these Indians incline toward varying degrees of reliance on government support, advocacy of a less or semi-independent status for their nations, and a

preference for either selling their lands to the government or taking financial compensation through the Indian Claims Commission (ICC) for lands the government has seized over the years, rather than toward trying to retain or regain them.

Sometimes the differences lie primarily in tactics. The National Congress of American Indians, for example, which is the oldest and, like AIM, claims to be the largest Indian organization in the United States, has similar objectives but works for change by initiating legal action and lobbying in Congress rather than resorting to militant or international strategies.

A specific example is the land battle currently being waged in the courts and before the ICC by the western Shoshone traditionalists of Battle Mountain, Nev. They maintain that according to the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley they are entitled to 15 million acres of Nevada land (which includes Reno and areas in which the Atomic Energy Commission has reportedly expressed interest).

Some prefer compensation

Opposing them are the "sell-out" western Shoshone who prefer to take financial compensation from the government at \$1.05 per acre, the 1872 land value.

The traditionalists object that the government has declared the land in question public domain, has restricted their use of it, and has abused it by destroying thousands of acres of their sacred Pinon trees (also a major food source) with a huge chain dragged between two caterpillar tractors. (This process is movingly documented in a new film on the western Shoshone, "Broken Treaty at Battle Mountain," directed by Joel Freedman and narrated by Robert Redford.)

Though the degree to which Indians feel they still need and want government participation in their internal affairs varies, the growing trend especially among the traditionalists seems to be toward more independence: the freedom to live on their own land as they choose, as they believe their treaties entitle them. At issue, they feel, is the classic political sacrifice of ethics to expediency, right to might, "dishonesty" in government of a magnitude that an attorney for the western Shoshone compares to the Watergate scandal.

Melvin Maddocks

My father, the sheikh

Sheikh Masoud al-Sharif al-Hamdan has made his run for Father of the Year of Saudi Arabia — and every other place you would want to name, for that matter. He will certainly be a hard candidate to catch. As all the rest of us fathers have learned by now, the sheikh — searching for one of those little tokens of love that let a son know Dad cares — came upon just what he was looking for deep in the heart of Texas. To quote from the sheikh's letter to the Houston attorney he engaged as his American shopper:

"My son learned to fly in San Antonio. He used to visit the Alamo and he loved it. Please contact the proper people and see if we can buy it. I want to present it as a gift to my son."

Gov. Dolph Briscoe — not about to be voted out of office by cries of "Remember the Alamo!" (or perhaps simply anxious to keep his own son from getting ideas) — announced the fort was not for sale.

Whether the sheikh has other backup gifts on his list — Mount Rushmore? the Ford Motor Company? Disneyland? — nobody knows and maybe nobody should ask.

"Wrap up the Washington Monument and deliver it to the palace. Servant's entrance, please. And not later than noon, Feb. 7, or the deal's off. . . ." It seemed appropriate to a lot of people that such epic acquisitiveness should be turned against Americans, and especially Texans, unrivaled until now as Big Buyers.

Speculating on the motives of Arabs has practically become a national industry. Still, the drama here is not between the new haves and the new have-nots but between fathers and sons. Thus the question becomes: Why did Sheikh Masoud al-Sharif al-Hamdan — as a father rather than as an Arab — wish to buy the Alamo? For the real mystery to this little saga is the slightly mad passion all parents share, which might be titled "I Want to Buy You the World, Baby" (and subtitled "You Call It Possessiveness, I Call It Love").

Let us imagine a scene out of "The Arabian Nights." A dazzling white palace with the obligatory seven doors and latticed windows. Marble floors are spread with the richest carpets on which servants tiptoe, carrying trays of sherbet and grapes. The ceilings are gold — even an oil sheikh has to hedge against inflation. And the garden! Fruit trees and flowers of every description. Running streams. Singing birds. A perfume of citron and musk in the air.

The dialogue, alas, is far less exotic between the sheikh and his son, confronting each other in the shade of a fountain on two silk chaises:

Sheikh (fanning himself anxiously): All your mother and I ever wanted was for you to be happy.

Son (throwing intently at his left big toe): I know that, Father.

Sheikh: Do you really?

Son: Yes, Father. I've tried so hard — perhaps too hard — to give you all the things I didn't have. My father never even offered me the Taj Mahal, do you understand?

Son: Yes, Father. You've told me. Sheikh: You and I both know fathers who, well, try to buy their sons — force them to do what the father wants. Now I'd hate it if I thought you thought the Alamo was a bribe.

Son: Oh no. Of course not.

Sheikh: Good! Good! It's just that a father sees in his son a second chance. A chance to correct his own mistakes. A chance to do a few of the things he never did himself. It's not as if you don't have all your life before you to live exactly as you please.

Son: I know, Father.

Sheikh (in choking voice): After I'm gone.

Son: Please, Father.

Sheikh: Then it's agreed?

Son (fleeing by the honeysuckle gate): Of course, Father.

At the sound of the Alfa Romeo starting, the sheikh's wife steps from behind a lime tree.

Wife: Will he do it?

Sheikh: Didn't I tell you? He's down on his knees — like Henry Kissinger. One Alamo for one year in Harvard Business School. No dropping out until May at the earliest.

Wife: Some bargain! Good thing he's not Henry Kissinger. Did he promise to bring the Alfa Romeo home by midnight?

Sheikh: Well, dear, that's really a separate negotiation. Some day soon, after I've bought the Grand Canyon, I thought the boy and I could have another little talk.

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education

Top education need: restored confidence

By Samuel Halperin
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Washington
The United States' first priority in educational affairs is the restoration of public confidence in our educational processes — in their integrity and efficacy. And we can expect little progress in overcoming our national educational deficit until a credible federal role in education has been restored.

It was only a few short years ago that the situation was entirely different. Then, educational spokesmen could come before political decisionmakers and proclaim: "Give us the tools [legislation and financial backing] and we will do the job."

Then politicians confidently would assure educators that they believed in them; that they were the "keystone in the arch of freedom."

Loud complaints

But today, the dialogue between politicians and educators ranges from nonexistent to acrimonious.

Education today is not a significant national priority. And elected officials feel free to condemn many of the best efforts of educators as "disasters" and the administrators themselves as "doits." For their part, the educators complain long and loud that there is a disastrous fall-off in political as well as popular support for schooling.

At the national decisionmaking level relationships between the executive and legislative branches are sorely strained. The same can be said of the relationships between educational interests and the government as well as among the various educational associations themselves. Periodic ruptures are the rule, not the exception.

Trust evaporated

Only the presence of a handful of able and well-motivated leaders in the Congress and in national educational associations keeps alive any semblance of mutual interest and common destiny.

Relations have become strained between politicians, educators

At the risk of overstating the case, let me cite some examples of this painful and debilitating state of affairs among those who should be the leaders not the destroyers of educational progress:

• Fundamental trust largely has evaporated. Incumbents describe their counterparts in other agencies, education associations, and branches of government as devious or even dishonest.

Fuzzy picture

• Top educators in the executive branch are perceived as not possessing sufficient clout. Instead of co-equal branches of government (executive and legislative) negotiating together about what needs to be done, association officials and congressmen make "music" together while the executive branch seems to hear a different tune — or no music at all.

• There is no clear perception of what the federal role in education should be. The picture appears equally fuzzy to educators, legislators, and members of the executive branch. For example: Should federal resources be used to promote equity, capital building, innovations, or diversity? Should the focus be on one particular segment of the population or on all in equal amounts?

The consequences of this triple breakdown — of clear national purpose, of fundamental trust, and of parity among the branches of government — result in frustration, petulance, arrogance, waste, demoralization, none of which is good for educational affairs in this great nation.

Studies mandated

What happens because of this?

Congress legislates new authorizations that vastly exceed appropriations — a frustration for all concerned. Often the promises are followed by no action.

Congressional appropriations committees regularly reorder the priorities written into law by authorizing committees. Dozens of special studies are mandated by Congress, but staff and funds seldom are provided for carrying out the studies.

Further, Congress demands that the executive branch be diligent in the monitoring of programs in the field and then (often with the encouragement of educational interests) cuts executive branch staff and travel funds to such a low level that failure is inevitable.

Congressional leaders regularly call for accountability and cost-effectiveness, while simultaneously slashing funds for evaluation and fundamental research about teaching and learning.

When the executive branch fails to perform up to congressional expectations, often the result is prescriptive and even punitive legislation. Timing, too, is a problem. Before the education community can understand, much less implement, guidelines and regulations, they are changed and new guidelines are given.

Personnel problems are equally debilitating. Top education bureaucrats, despairing of progress, come and go, seldom lasting the length of a single congressional session. New executive appointees, with bursts of ardor to "straighten out the mess," reorganize their agencies, which had just been reorganized in this annual or semi-annual ritual.

Even funding cycles are not in

harmony. The vagaries of appropriations seldom mesh with the funding patterns of state or local educational agencies. This causes a loss of rational planning and almost guarantees wasteful end-of-the-year, off-the-top-of-the-head spending.

What can be done to restore public confidence in those who make the vital decisions affecting our nation's educational institutions?

No 'quickie' answers

To be sure, there are no "quickie" answers.

What is needed first is a realization on all sides that the present situation is intolerable. That all parties have contributed to the breakdown and should participate in the healing. And that finger-pointing and accusations are counterproductive.

Mutual concessions and mutual labors must prevail. However, improved institutional mechanisms can emerge only when effective dialogue has been restored. When a sense of common destiny has been reestablished.

Congressional leaders in education must meet regularly with their executive branch counterparts. The White House must stop considering such meetings as "traffic with the enemy." Congress must be more compassionate and helpful in trying to understand the problems of the executive agencies whose job it is to carry out congressional mandates. Similarly, the executive must heed both the letter and the intent of the law.

Operational style

Hence, accommodation and honest negotiation must replace confrontation and recrimination as the operational style of our principal educational leaders. Then, and only then, can there come about a creditable federal role in education.

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School leadership is the critical factor if goals are to be achieved

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Anybody and everybody concerned with education in the United States — pre-school through graduate school — will give you in no uncertain terms their idea of what the issues are today and for the next couple of years. Most agree we've got to act fast on the issues of finance, alienation, urban crunch, decentralization, labor relations, community control, achievement, accountability, and more besides. Many good solutions are being offered. People aren't bashful to suggest how to cope with the avalanche of change coming down on our heads.

One fact stands out: What we must do quickly is qualify the issues and act. Here we see two essential steps.

First, differentiate between long-range and short-range issues. We need to be sure we have the framework of education's over-all problems. Long-range issues compose the framework. These require perhaps 10 to 15 years to solve; likely they will be with us that long because they reflect what can be changed only over long cycles of time.

Short-range problems

Short-range problems — those, between now and 1977 — offer shorter cycles of time during which we can do something fairly substantive and have the solutions kick. We believe we must attack both short and long term simultaneously.

The second step is leadership. Leadership is the really critical issue for both the long term and short term. The work of leadership is to help the school and its community identify needs; to help the school community mobilize the resources to meet those

needs; to help the school and community to plan, control, and direct educational affairs.

There are no successful leadership systems we know of. Success comes first because of genuine national leadership: in every neighborhood, in the whole community, community college, the university.

A need for planning

Paraphrasing, we want to estimate the need for planning, identify exact goals, setting time and periods for reaching them; setting goals upon attainment and evidence of sudden or slow change. We believe many superlatives will find it necessary to finish a long-range planning function in their office or cabinet. The key here is that the planning community is a goal-conscious community.

And where the citizens participate in goal setting through community councils they hold themselves accountable for results. The community council is a vehicle which can together all the facets of the school and community in a forum of standing, trust, and respect. This positive atmosphere dispels feelings of alienation, fear, and ignorance which are at the root of most of the problems facing us and indeed society today.

In this age of shortages the unrealized and undeveloped is the unlimited potential for the people. The schools have resources, expertise, and facilities to provide opportunities to each and every individual. All that is new provide this opportunity is leadership.

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Logically speaking, Ted St. Martin would hold a record for milking cows, shooting a basketball. But in fact, considerable talent of this extraordinary farmer lies in doing the latter. The Guinness Book of World Records recognizes St. Martin as basketball's most accurate shooter. On one occasion he made 200 consecutive baskets. On another, testing his marksmanship and durability, he hit 13,000 foul shots during 24 grueling hours and made 90.46 percent.

His most incredible feat though is sinking 927 straight free throws. Bill Sharman holds the National Basketball Association record making the most consecutive foul shots with 56.

aches other players
St. Martin has tutored players at all levels — high school, college, and pro on the fine art of shooting. But being an honorary member of the Zenith Suns is as close as he's come to playing in the National Basketball Association.

Ted works for AMF Vot making personal appearances at retail stores, craftsmen's shows, and basketball clinics around the country. In a typical promotion, any challenger who can beat him in a best-of-15 shootout gets a new basketball. But Ted's losses are minimal. The company only coughed up two or three balls during a recent nine-day show in Anaheim, Calif.

Frequently in exhibitions, St. Martin has to shoot at wobbly portable baskets which sway from side to side. With distractions don't bother his concentration. "I'm used to roughing it," he explains. "I was brought up in the inter I'd shovel the snow away to allow my brothers stand inside around the stove watching me."

permission to shoot
Ted never shot much in high school, but he was the only player given the "aches" permission to shoot further than the free throw line. When he occasionally availed himself of this privilege, the shots were almost always long and accurate.

After a year at Yakima Junior College, St. Martin got away from basketball. He entered the Army, and settled down on a dairy farm in Nevada, Calif.

Working 15 to 18 hours a day seven days a week left little time for basketball. At best, he played a few times a year.



Ted St. Martin—unparalleled shooter

Finally, at age 34, there was time in his schedule to organize a city league team for Hillspride Dairy. That's when he discovered he hadn't lost his shooting touch.

Preferring not to hog the show, St. Martin averaged only 12 or 13 points per game. But in practice he might hit a hundred shots in a row.

Ted soon learned that he could become a world record holder by putting some of those hot streaks together. Now that he's done that, where does he go from here?

"I'm hoping to hit a thousand free throws in a row. I think my chances are good because I relax more now that I hold the record."

Under pressure
"A lot of people say I'm never under any pressure because no one is guarding me when I shoot. But when I put on a show at the halftime of a pro game I'm out there all alone and that crowd doesn't expect me to miss. I think that's every bit as much pressure as you find in an NBA playoff game."

So what are the mechanics of St. Martin's shooting?

• Aim: "Almost every book I've read says aim at the front of the rim, but I aim at the back. When you do that you're actually looking down into the basket."

• Arch: "I always put a good high arch on my shots so that they go about 2 1/2 to three feet above the rim."

• Spin: "By putting a slight backspin on the ball, if it hits the rim it may bounce around and fall through."

• Grip: "This is another area where I differ from what is usually taught by coaches. I hold the ball with everything but the heel of my palm. I don't have what you'd call fingertip control."

At the free throw line, St. Martin keeps his body motionless below the waist and pushes his two-hand set shots toward the basket in one fluid motion.

After the ball leaves his hands, he still watches the back of the rim. A failure to watch the basket after releasing the ball is what St. Martin calls the one biggest fault of most players, pros included. "You even see some of the pros lift their heads when they shoot. They should forget the ball and watch the basket!"

Change of pace

She could be pro tennis champ if . . .

By Phil Elderkin

Hopscotching the Sports World for Headlines — The thing you have to remember about Lesley Hunt, a woman tennis player with enormous pro potential, is that her game has never been that far from the top. Her undoing has always been too much power and too little control. "I've never had trouble making the glory shots," she explained. "I think I hit a ball as hard as any woman on the tour. But I've never been able to consistently make the standard shots — the shots that win for you. Now I think I can. Well, at least so far this season I've been making them."

Two years ago Miss Hunt spent a couple of weeks being tutored by Pancho Segura, who helped put Jimmy Connors' game together. "The two biggest things Segura did for me was to teach me to think and how to read other players' games. He told me to take a notebook whenever I sit in the stands and jot down what my rivals are most apt to do under certain conditions. He said he didn't want me guessing so much in pressure situations and I'm beginning to make his ideas work."

Segura also told Miss Hunt that he thought she could run and hit well enough to eventually be the No. 1 player on the women's tour.

Dodgers see record

The fact that no major league baseball team has ever drawn three million fans in a single

season doesn't mean that it can't happen. And the Los Angeles Dodgers, who attracted 2.6 million fans in 1974, think they may be the team to do it. "For us, a 15 percent increase in ticket sales would do it," said Dodger President Pete O'Malley, "and right now our orders are running 20 percent ahead of last season. We're also going to be very competitive on the field again this year and that's the most important thing in baseball." Just for the record, the Dodgers and the



Lesley Hunt

Cincinnati Reds, another strong National League contender, meet seven times in the first two weeks of the season.

Killilea on draft

John Killilea, chief scout of the Boston Celtics, says there probably won't be more than one good round in this year's college basketball draft. And even that is suspect. "The reason for the drop in talent," Killilea explained, "is because so many potentially top players went as hardship cases in last year's lottery. And there is definitely nobody out there among the big men who can turn a franchise around." John thinks the best of the lot may be Dave Thompson of North Carolina, a 6 ft. 3 in. super-quick guard who can score, rebound and has the tools to play a tough defense.

Gregg on coaching

From Forrest Gregg, the new head coach of the Cleveland

Browns: "When you've been a player and people have been telling you what to do for years, it's awfully hard to reverse the procedure. I think that's going to be one of my problems as a coach — getting to realize that it's my job now to do the talking. But I think I know what the rest of the game is all about." Indeed he does. For more than 10 years, Gregg's 230-pound body, tastefully arranged on a 6 ft. 4 in. frame, made him one of the best tackles in pro football. Green Bay Packers Coach Vince Lombardi, for whom Forrest starred, rated him one of the most versatile linemen ever to play the game.

Rosey of the Giants

If somebody hadn't opened a Pittsburgh newspaper back in 1968, offensive lineman Roosevelt Brown might never have made it into pro football's Hall of Fame. Brown had 13 great years with the New York Giants and is now a member of their scouting staff. But back in '68, when scouting procedures weren't as sophisticated as they are today, Rosey was a relatively unknown on the roster of Morgan State (Md.) College. The Giants, with round No. 27 coming up in the draft that year, had simply run out of names when one of their group opened the Pittsburgh Courier to its sports section. Inside was a black college All-America team, with Brown listed as one of the first-string tackles. When the Giants noticed that Rosey stood 6ft. 3in., and weighed 245 pounds, they decided to draft him for his measurements.

On basketball contact

UCLA basketball Coach John Wooden would like to see less contact in today's college game. "One of the beauties of basketball over most other sports is that it is a game of finesse," Wooden said. "I don't like to see either the offense or the defense permitted to do things that take movement away from the game. If the pros want to push and shove and put their hands on opponents — well, that's their business."

Hockey standings

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style



Betty Ford (far left) chose a soft-look chemise (left) from Albert Capraro's line for Jerry Guttenberg. The Blassport sketch (right) is of Nancy Kissinger's (above left) black denim blazer with white and charcoal striped shirt.

Leading ladies dress up

Washington's Betty, Happy, and Nancy ready for spring

By Phyllis Feldkamp
Written for
The Christian Science Monitor

It is always heartening when someone at the top shows an interest in clothes.

Lately, not only the First Lady but the two other ranking women in the nation's capital have made well-publicized purchases from New York collections — giving Seventh Avenue morale a much-needed lift out of the business doldrums.

Betty (Mrs. Gerald F.) Ford, whose interest in fashion has not waned since her early experience as a department-store stylist, decided Albert Capraro of Jerry Guttenberg, a firm backed by Ben Shaw, the impresario of the garment district, was the designer for her.

Actually, she already had worn some of the clothes Capraro did when he was turning out the Oscar de la Renta boutique line. But she didn't realize this, until, after seeing a story about his new spring collection in a Washington newspaper, she invited him to come to the White House and bring his sketches and swatches. She ordered a dozen pieces from the Capraro line, which is priced from \$75 to \$200 — within what she considers her clothes-budget range.

Betty Ford's spring wardrobe will, Capraro says, "give her a much softer image." Several of the models she chose have soft overblouses and will be sent to her with both long and short skirts, to give double-duty use for travel.

Mrs. Ford also asked him to make five evening dresses from silk brocades and organzas that the President had brought back for her from his Far East trip.

"While she doesn't want to concentrate on only high necklines," says Capraro, "she is very definite about wanting clothes to cover her arms. She is very feminine, has a wonderful figure with good shoulders, a tiny waist, and no hips."

Happy (Mrs. Nelson A.) Rockefeller chose nine new outfits from New York couturier Tony Abate, one of the last of the breed of custom-order designers. He dresses her friend, Brooke Astor, and her sister-in-law, Mary Rockefeller. The Vice-President's wife bought a reversible black to camel flare-back coat, a chemise dress, a jersey shirt-dress, and a number of short and long dinner and evening dresses, one of

Happy Rockefeller wore brown georgette to the opening session of the U.S. Senate.

Photos by Monitor staff, AP, and UPI

which — a brown georgette — already has been seen on television, as she wore it to the opening session of the U.S. Senate.

It is Nancy (Mrs. Henry A.) Kissinger, however, who promises to be the darling of the fashion world. Her long-limbed model-like 5ft. 10in. figure, with clothes-hanger shoulders, lean lines, and her mane of blond hair, are the perfect foil for high fashion chic.

Spotting her as the celebrity of the moment most likely to succeed in the clothes-horse field, Women's Wear Daily has been running stories about her looks and fashion savvy and has dubbed her (it was inevitable) "Her Eldest."

Although she obviously knows what she should wear (tailored classics by day, more fantasy — romantic ruffles, for example — by night) she is being guided toward the best possible choices by her friends, Oscar de la Renta and his wife, Françoise, and Bill Blass.

La Renta's black matte jersey-topped burgundy ruffled taffeta was the dress in which she was photographed at the reception she and the Secretary of State gave for Mrs. Golda Meir.

Recently, she slipped into the Bill Blass showroom on Seventh Avenue hoping not to be noticed — in huge dark glasses with a scarf tied around her head. (Hatless days are, however, numbered, as she has acquired some new millinery from Don Kline — two off-the-face soft brimmed hats, one of which she already has worn on a trip to Russia.)

From Blassport, the sportswear division of Bill Blass which is designed by Laura Mardrossian, Mrs. Kissinger chose two blazer suits with A-line skirts and pants to match. One is yellow denim with a tattersall shirt; the other is black denim with a white and charcoal striped shirt. The third Blassport outfit is a navy peacock of Ultrasuede, the wonder fabric that imitates leather, with pants to match.

She is the only one of the three women who is making a point of keeping the casual look of pants in her wardrobe.

On the same shopping excursion, she bought two outfits from the high-fashion collection of Bill Blass: a double-breasted wool jersey reefer coat which is worn over a matching V-necked sleeveless top, and a white cloque silk pleated skirt with a matching white scarf (which will, at times, probably end up tied peasant-style on her head).

The book that was banned by Portugal

'Three Marias,' just out in U.S., touched off a feminist revolution

By Diana Loercher
Staff correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

New York

A book can still foment a revolution. A dramatic recent example is one about feminism, "The Three Marias: New Portuguese Letters," published in Lisbon in 1972, and published in translation in January by Doubleday (New York, \$10).

When the work first appeared Portugal was not only a typical Latin country in which Roman Catholicism, poverty, and "machismo" were the prevailing social influences, but also a military dictatorship. Shocked by what it saw as mutinous content, inflammatory feminist tone, and numerous erotic passages, the government banned the book a month after its publication, condemning it as "an abuse of the freedom of the press" and an "outrage to public decency." The three authors, all named Maria, were arrested and released on bail.

News spread abroad

News of the action spread abroad, and international feminist and literary groups rose up in protest. After several postponements the trial finally took place last spring, but before the three women could be sentenced, the government was overthrown. The comparatively liberal new government dismissed the case and lifted the ban against the book, a current best-seller.

A kind of triad on the subject of feminism, the book consists of unsigned letters, poems, essays, and stories exchanged weekly by its authors in a unique consciousness-raising effort. They deal with discrimination against women in the law, religion, marriage, and employment by impassioned delineating its painful consequences, such as loneliness, rape, illegal abortion, madness, and suicide.

Recent interview

One of the authors, Maria Isabel Barreno, is in the United States working on an adaptation of the book into a play. In a recent interview Miss Barreno explained that the Portuguese feminist movement came into being because of the book: "The feminist movement really began with a group of women that gathered around Maria Teresa Hortas, one of the other authors, and myself, just after the end of our trial. . . . It was really very exciting to see women that I never met and who didn't know me come to my house and say, 'I want to be with you to fight and make a feminist movement!'"

The third Maria, Maria Fatima Velho da Costa, a childhood friend whom Maria Isabel describes as "a very conditioned woman," rejects feminism and separates herself from the other two Marias, electing instead an alliance with the poor — male and female — of the "third world." Maria Isabel implied that the barrage of insults and accusations leveled at the women because of the book was a factor in Maria Fatima's defection: "In Europe, for a woman who becomes involved in the feminist movement the major problem is to be able

to confront the hostility from really the men in their daily lives: the husband, the brother, the boss, father — and also to withstand the [feminist] image in the press."

Maria Isabel maintains that does not return the hostility to men least not on the same level.

"I never felt really hostile to men don't feel a man is responsible for male chauvinism. It is the role I was put inside him. So when I speak against men, it is only something abstract, the social and not the real concrete man."

Distortion seen

"When I am in front of a man, I see him a human being who conditioned to be like that, and even I must fight him, it is not in a bad way. . . . Love relations today are distorted. The roles which they educated to perform are so heavy men and women that it's very hard that you can really personally know man. Most of the time a man and woman are just exchanging typical behavior. I think this is a horrible enslavement for people and I think that the real change that we have seek begins there, in the relations between men and women."

Maria Isabel states that the writing of the book clarified her feelings making her aware of "the collective behaviors imposed on women, men also." But the experience also one of intense closeness — intimacy between the three women which their separated voices became indistinguishable and their identity seemed to merge into an organ that is the book. The three friends, all in their 30s, all married, separated from their husbands, the mothers of sons, and all products of convent schools.

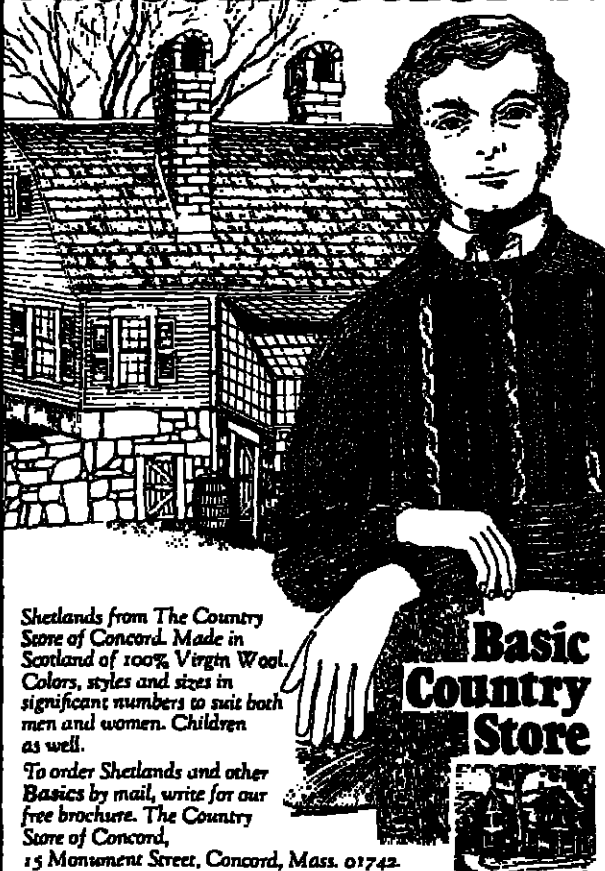
Reconciliation felt

One of the major themes of the book is that "femininity" — with its connotations of submission, suffering and self-loathing — is passed on from mother to daughter — James Agee's "Infinite Corridor" despair. Since writing the book, Maria Isabel feels more reconciled with her mother. "That is something that is very important," she says. "Inside herself almost every woman has a kind of hostility against her mother. And I think this kind of consciousness-raising can help a woman understand what's going on. It was not the fault of her mother. She has suffered from the same conditioning only worse."

Maria Isabel describes her mother as conservative and religious, a conditioned woman very concerned with what other people will say. Inside her she is really a strong woman. She would have liked very much to have been a doctor, but course she was not allowed. And she really gets angry when she sees people having two morals, one for women and one for men, the double standard.

I asked Maria Isabel how her mother felt about the book. "She is the time a little afraid of what I am going to do next," she replied. "But on the other hand I think she is proud."

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Whatever became of sin?

Karl Menninger, in his latest book "Whatever Became of Sin?" writes that a new code of morality and social philosophy has slowly eroded primitive attitudes toward wrongdoing. Words like bad, wicked, and immoral begin to sound old-fashioned. Yet, Mr. Menninger insists, "there is immorality; there is unethical behavior; there is wrongdoing." And, he continues, "I hope to show that there is usefulness in retaining the concept and indeed the word sin, which now shows signs of returning to public acceptance."

Mr. Menninger makes it plain that he has not joined the "simplistic hard-core supermoralism" of the fanatics, political rightists, and bigots. He merely asks for a return to a concept of responsibility that includes the recognition of right and wrong.

"If a dozen people are in a lifeboat," Mr. Menninger explains, "and one of them discovers a leak near where he is sitting, is there any doubt as to his responsibility? Not for having made the hole, or for finding it, but for attempting to repair it. To ignore it or to keep silent about it is almost equivalent to having made it."

What Mr. Menninger opposes is a drift toward a no-fault theology, equivalent to no-fault casualty insurance. "No one to blame?" he asks. "Things just happen, alas? The assumption that there is sin in [wrongdoing] somewhere implies both a possibility and an obligation for intervention. . . . As it is, vague, amorphous evil appears all about us, and when this or that awful thing is happening and this terrible thing goes on and that wretched circumstance has developed, and yet, withal, that no one is responsible, no one is guilty, no moral questions are asked, when there is, in short, just

nothing to do, we sink to despairing helplessness."

Signs show that educators, too, are having second thoughts about "sin" — the issues of right and wrong.

A program researched and tested by Sidney Simon, a professor at the University of Massachusetts, is designed to stimulate pupils at an early age to grapple with human and political values. In a series of stimulation games, the children are asked to place themselves in the shoes of actors in real-life historical crises: "You're a decisionmaker in Korea or an observer in Vietnam or the landlord in a ghetto — what would you do?" Or, "You are a participant in the Constitutional Convention — as a Southern plantation owner or a Northern trader — and you must consider the issue of slavery."

Some textbooks, recently published or in preparation, probe the values behind historic facts and raise questions of judgment, as when an imaginary editorial writer for a newspaper of that day tries to determine what position to take on the Spanish-American War.

Matthew Lipman, a professor of philosophy at Montclair State College, has created and classroom-tested a course in philosophy for children, beginning in fifth grade. "No one," he said, "ever seems to bother to instruct the child in the hygiene of thinking." Children, Professor Lipman adds, "mumble through 'with liberty and justice for all,' 'let freedom ring,' and even insist on 'one nation indivisible,' but the words are so much mumbo-jumbo to them."

Yet, Professor Lipman points out, if children themselves are unfairly treated, they are fierce in their resentment — a perfect clue that they can be taught logically and philosophically about the real mean-

ing of justice and injustice, just as they can be taught about the logic of words, ideas, values.

"It is useless for us to complain that ours is a nation of sheep as long as we do not develop the capacity of independent judgment in children," Professor Lipman warns. Independent judgment is a far cry from second-guessing to please the teacher, or later, the boss, or perhaps the President. . . .

There is cause for cheer in the present retreat from the corrosive doctrine that because values are a personal matter, one person's values are as good as the next fellow's. But the danger remains that the pendulum may swing back to the old rigidity of values certified and relied on demand, but neither examined nor understood — the pedagogical equivalent of the American flag worn defensively on the lapel, the sermons to the masses while the preachers-leaders continue on their own arrogant course. . . .

Can nothing be done about it? In the late '40's the faculty at Amherst College devised a "new" curriculum that was deeply concerned with Problems of American Democracy. When asked to define the new educational goal, the spokesman for the plan replied: "To teach students to consider the consequences of their actions." It is an idea that, had its time come back a little sooner, might have prevented considerable grief and quite a few indictments.

Fred M. Hechinger

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A princess

When the revolutionary Egyptian Pharaoh, Akhenaten (meaning It Is Well with the Aten), ruled from 1378 to 1362 B.C. he introduced the worship of one god, the Aten, rather than multiple deities. Accompanied by his legendary Queen, Nefertiti (The Beautiful One Is Come), he abandoned the capital city of Thebes to build his own palaces, temples, and magnificent gardens at Tell el Amarna on the east bank of the Nile, between Thebes and Memphis. After his death his successor, Tutankhamen, abandoned Tell el Amarna and within 50 years the complex was dismantled, its decorations and materials taken away to embellish a new city, Hermopolis. Only within the last 75 years have the riches of this remarkable period been slowly coming to light.

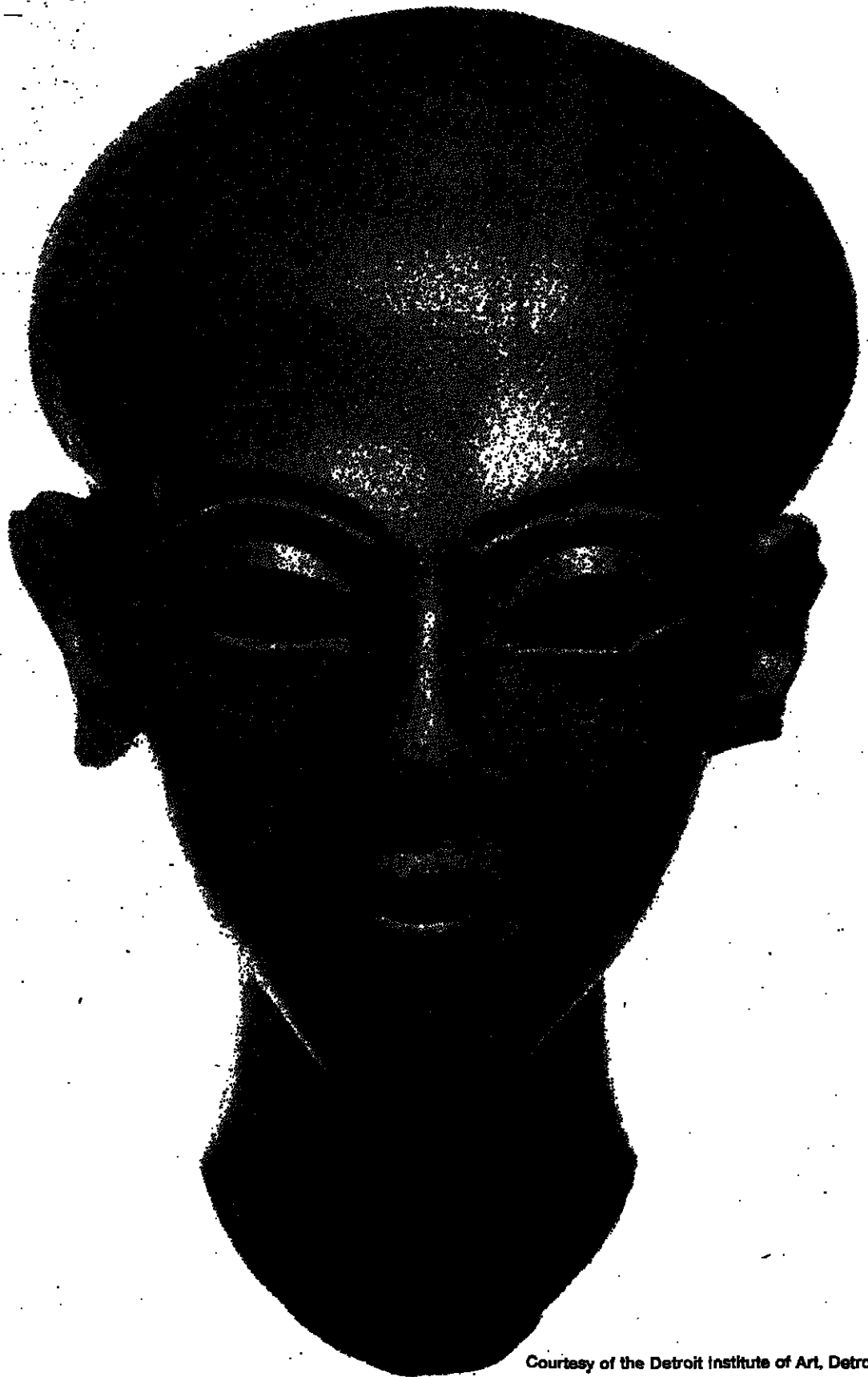
This quartzite "Princess" is said to be one of Akhenaten's six daughters; her name was Meritaten.

The Princess's eyes and eyebrows are hollowed out to receive inlays, probably of glass which was developed, though not in blown form, in Akhenaten's reign. Her incised eye lines are lengthened almost to the ears, which are curved outward — a characteristic of Amarna heads. Her lips still bear traces of red. If you wonder why the skull is so elongated and exaggerated, Cyril Aldred, an authority on Amarna art, has the best answer. He believes that the exaggerations are "simply renderings of family peculiarities that existed but were greatly exaggerated by artists as a mark of the elect." You will find this cranial form in all sculptures of Akhenaten's family.

While he ruled, artists could apparently find no better way of paying compliments than to give their royal sitters a long jaw, heavy lips and triangular faces to make them resemble the King. The Princess, though she embodies this style, is a masterpiece that for over 3,000 years has kept locked, within the intractable stone, the unself-conscious charm and tenderness of a young girl.

Why has Amarna art so much interest for us today? Setting aside any question of the enigmatic Akhenaten's character — whether he was a great leader or a weak one, a humanitarian or a selfish materialist — the art of his day was highly innovative. It differed from everything that came before or after. Where man had been shown symbolically with both feet and arms set in parallels that never occupied literal space, at Amarna man became an individual. Suddenly a point in time was specifically indicated. Amarna artists handled groups magnificently, differentiating between right and left feet and arms and using gesture to pull separate persons together. You have only to look at the static generalizations of Egyptian sculpture before and after Amarna to see the differences. Bold rather than careful, alive, not torpid, no longer perfunctory, the sculpture shows a king and queen as human beings, caught in the human predicament, in sympathy with their people. They gained humanity at the expense of dignity and their art took a step toward the acceptance of the natural world.

Patricia Boyd Wilson



Courtesy of the Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit

An Egyptian Princess from middle to late period, 18th Dynasty, brown quartzite

To understand each other better

I am getting more selfish, more selfish in an agreeable way. What do I mean by this? Perhaps I can illustrate. I am getting stubborn about my need for large spaces of time by myself so that I can write. But I am writing so that you and I can understand each other better — so that we can look within and find out who we are and what it's all about. Is this so bad? I see a real need (in myself, in others) for this constructive kind of selfishness — the kind of rightly directed self-love that burnishes hidden talents, flexes

unused muscles, refines perception, educates intuition, and opens the doors to the self to greater love. When I tried to explain this to you the other day, I didn't do so well. But this is what I meant. O.K.?

I sharpen my pencils and sit here in front of a white, open empty piece of paper, waiting for a miracle. And then I realize that I am a miracle, you are a miracle!

I wanted to write something to you the other night. I made several starts. I had large feelings that I

wanted to write around with for awhile. But I couldn't get at it. My words couldn't come near whatever it was that I wanted to say to you.

I wonder what this means. That I don't care enough? Or that I care too much?

Of course you realize that you will never understand what I am all about, and that I will never understand what you are all about. But we will try to understand. That's what's important here.

A. J. Constance

Between us

Most dialogue has yielding in it — I to your terms, your definitions — and you to mine.

What you give me (and I you) is the listening, the silences that shape in gentleness around concessions.

Frances Hall

The Monitor's daily religious article

Are we listening?

Conflicting human opinions pouring forth from the communications media, if admitted to thought, may bring a sense of confusion. But there is a voice to which we can choose to listen, one which will lead us to peace and harmony and guide us into constructive paths. It is the still, small voice of divine Truth, always present, always communicating to men.

During his flight from those who threatened his life, Elijah talked with God as he stood upon mount Horeb. There he witnessed a great wind followed by an earthquake, and fire. But Elijah knew God was not in these violent occurrences, and afterward God spoke to Elijah with the still, small voice of divine Spirit's guidance. Sometimes the mental whirlwinds that seem to beat around us would sweep away the very foundations of our right to think clearly, to find peace in our lives. But God's guidance for those willing to listen is always at hand to bring the evidence of what is really and spiritually true into our human experience.

Christian Science, the Science of the Christ, brings the joy of right thinking. It does not avoid human problems but faces them with the clear consciousness of the power of God and His goodness, and of the powerlessness and nothingness of evil. Christ Jesus showed men the perfection of God and their own perfection

as His spiritual likeness. Christian Science heals the inharmonies of mind and body by bringing into our experience the peace that comes with the understanding of God and of man's inseparable unity with Him.

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, writes in the Christian Science textbook: "Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness. The Christ is incorporeal, spiritual, — yea, the divine image and likeness, dispelling the illusions of the senses; the Way, the Truth, and the Life, healing the sick and casting out evils, destroying sin, disease, and death." Whatever our need for healing, the first step is to be receptive to God's ideas, always at hand to be accepted. This brings peace, harmony.

Christ Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." Here is the reassurance we need. We can listen for that still, small voice and follow divine leadings.

¹See 1 Kings 19:9-12; ²Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 332; ³John 10:27, 28.

[Showers on the page may be found a translation of this article in Norwegian. Every other month an article on Christian Science appears in a Norwegian translation.]

[This is a Norwegian translation of today's religious article]

Øversatt av den religiøse artikkelen som finnes på engelsk på denne siden. (Annenhet måned vil de finne en artikkel om Kristen Vitenskap i norsk oversettelse.)

Lytter vi?

De mange motstridende menneskelige oppfatninger som stadig strømmer ut gjennom våre kommunikasjons-media kan, hvis vi gir dem adgang til tanken, skape en følelse av forvirring. Men det finnes en stemme vi kan velge å lytte til, en stemme som vil gi oss fred og harmoni og lede oss inn på konstruktive veier. Det er den guddommelige Sannhetens sakte, stille stemme som alltid er nær og alltid meddeler seg til menneskene.

Da Elias var på flukt fra dem som truet hans liv, talte han med Gud mens han stod på Horebs berg. Der ble han vitne til hvordan en kraftig vind blåste over fjellet, etterfulgt av jordskjelv og av ild. Men Elias visste at Gud ikke var i all voldsomhet og så talte Gud til Elias med en stemme som var som «lyden av en stille susen», den guddommelige Ånds ledelse. Ibland synes de mentale hvirvelvinder som raser omkring oss, å ville blåse bort selve grunnlaget for vår rett til å tenke klart, til å finne fred i vårt liv. Men for dem som er villige til å lytte, er Guds ledelse alltid tilstede, for å bringe vitnesbyrdet om det som er virkelig, åndelig sant inn i vår menneskelige erfaring.

Kristen Vitenskap*, Kristi Vitenskap, bringer gleden ved å tenke riktig. Den unnviker ikke menneskelige problemer, men møter dem med den klare bevissthet om Guds makt og Hans godhet, og det ondes makteløshet og intethet. Kristus Jesus viste menneskene Guds fullkommenhet, og deres egen fullkommenhet som Hans åndelige lignelse. Kristen Vitenskap helbreder sinnets og legemets disharmonier ved å gi vårt liv den fred som kommer med forståelsen av Gud og av menneskets uadskillelige enhet med Ham.

Mary Baker Eddy, Oppdageren og Grunnleggeren av Kristen Vitenskap, skriver i Kristen Vitenskaps lærebok «Kristus er den samme idé som forkynner det gode, det guddommelige budskap fra Gud til menneskene, som taler til den menneskelige bevissthet. Kristus er ulegemlig, åndelig — ja, det guddommelige bilde og den guddommelige lignelse, som forjager sansenes illusjoner; Veien, Sannheten og Livet, som helbreder de syke, utdriver onder og tilintetgjør synd, sykdom og død.»

Hva enn vårt behov for helbredelse måtte være, så er det første skritt å være mottagelig for Guds idéer, som alltid er tilstede forut vi kan ta imot dem. Og dette bringer fred og harmoni.

Kristus Jesus sa: «Mine får hører min røst, og jeg kjenner dem, og de følger meg, og jeg gir dem evig liv, og de skal aldri i evighet fortapes, og ingen skal rive dem ut av min hånd.» Her er den forvisning som møter vårt behov. Vi kan lære å

lytte til den sakte, stille stemmen og følge guddommelig ledelse.

¹Se Første Kongebok 19:9-12; ²Vitenskap og Helse med Nøkkel til Skriften, s. 332; ³Johannes 10:27, 28.

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Gambling and sports

The results of existing forms of legalized gambling in the United States ought to be sufficient argument against extending it to professional sports. But, as several states consider doing just that, their citizens should consider the additional argument that applies to gambling on sports: the potentiality for corrupting games like football, basketball, and baseball whose legitimate claim to their enormous popularity depends on honest skill and competition.

It is to be hoped that this month's hearings on the subject by the National Gambling Commission will contribute to public awareness of the magnitude of the problem. Already in some dozen states there is interest in legalizing sports betting.

Corruption has not been completely absent from sports even under present circumstances, with vast amounts of illegal betting going on in addition to the legal betting in Nevada, the one state so far where gambling on sports is legal. But the professional leagues take the responsible position of opposing legalization — fearing that it would actually invite corruption, according to a series of articles in the New York Times dramatizing the scope of gambling on sports and of efforts by states to legalize it.

Certainly the weight of evidence appears to be that legalization of other forms of gambling — lotteries and off-track betting, for example — has not brought hoped-

for major decreases in illegal activity. New York's legalization of off-track betting has been followed by estimates of increased illegal betting and racketeering.

At the same time, the dubious claims for legalized gambling as a state revenue raiser have remained dubious. The expenses of additional bureaucracy, including patronage jobs, may be only the most visible cost. There are also the ripple-effect costs to society from increased gambling of any kind, its diversion of money from productive use, and its opportunities for spawning crime.

Surely it is cruelly ironic for government itself to be fostering gambling rather than restraining it. The irony is compounded when a state not only legitimizes gambling but mounts ubiquitous advertising campaigns to get people to gamble more.

And legalization does appear to be followed by people gambling more — as witness the proliferation of betting shops in Britain since 1960, when cash betting was legalized.

Granted that betting on sports in the United States will not stop merely if states refuse to legalize it. But it will surely increase if they do legalize it.

To invite increased waste of money through additional gambling would be deplorable at any time. It is outrageous in a period of worldwide need when the national conscience is reawakening to waste as a moral question rather than a casual option.

Investing oil dollars

It was reassuring to hear Treasury Secretary Simon confirm that the buildup of petrodollars by the oil-producing countries will likely be far less of a threat than earlier predicted.

Instead of an accumulation in OPEC hands of \$650 billion by 1980, and \$1.2 trillion by 1985 as the World Bank had forecast, the Treasury now foresees a peak of at most \$250 billion by 1980, and a decline by 1985.

The downward revisions are accounted for by (1) healthier trends in the purchase of goods and services by the oil producers, (2) cutbacks in oil imports in response to higher prices, and (3) OPEC aid to developing countries and investments in the industrial West.

Though the bottom-line result — a vastly more manageable OPEC cash buildup — is desirable, there are pluses and minuses in some forms of petrodollar recycling. For instance, while few may object to plans to build a costly capital in Iran worthy of earlier Persian splendor, the purchase of arms by the Shah and other oil-rich leaders is open to question.

As much in the news in recent days as the Mideast arms buildup, are the direct investments which oil-producers have been trying to make in Western banks and businesses. Iran has just purchased a half dozen 747 aircraft from Trans World Airlines, which gets TWA out of a bind with its surplus

carrying capacity. But Iran also is reportedly interested in buying a large share of Pan American Airlines stock. While Pan Am could use an injection of cash, the possibility of foreign control over a critical United States transportation company is rightly to be viewed warily.

Similarly, there have been at least three attempts in recent days by Mideast businessmen to acquire control of U.S. banks. Two of the offers have already been rejected by bank shareholders.

In broad outline, although exemptions may need to be set for critical industries, the U.S. and other countries should favor long-term oil-money investment.

The trouble is, there is a great deal of confusion over which kinds of oil-money investments to encourage and which to discourage. The Commerce and Treasury Departments are scurrying to make a survey of foreign investment in the U.S. But the final report will not be delivered to President Ford until next year.

The smaller totals of accumulating petrodollars do suggest the threat of the oil rich buying up the West is exaggerated. A foreign investments survey should still be made promptly. But one hopes Mr. Ford will not wait to formulate some kind of policy to encourage oil-money investment where it can be most productive.

Canada does its own thing

It comes as no surprise that Ottawa has finally taken steps to end the special status of United States periodicals in Canada.

From the U.S. point of view, the new tax measures, designed also to discourage Canadian advertisers from buying time on American TV stations, are regrettable. Time magazine and others made investments in Canada in good faith, and now are confronted with discriminatory legislation.

It is an unusual phenomenon to use tax mechanisms to achieve a cultural goal. The theory is that the Canadian advertising dollars now spent in U.S. magazines will go to Canadian publications. This, it is hoped, will give impetus to the Canadian publishing industry and counter the much-resented influence of American culture.

How this works out in practice remains to be seen. The net result could be a loss of business to Canadian merchants and the loss of a popular edition of an American magazine. It is also the kind of nationalistic act that runs counter to the trend toward freer international trade.

However, Canada's move must

be seen in the context of its self-conscious search for identity and its effort to secure what External Affairs Secretary Allan Rock recently called Canada's "economic independence." This has long been a theme in Canadian foreign policy, dictated by Canada's proximity to the U.S., its small population, and the openness of the long border. Canadians want to be Canadians, and Americans can only sympathize with their desire to diversify their ties.

It is understandable, too, that Canada will phase down its oil exports to the American Midwest. In light of its limited energy resources, Canada must look to its own future self-sufficiency.

Where does this leave the American attitude? Perhaps it should be that in today's world it is in the U.S.'s interest to have a progressive, independent ally to the north whose global purposes parallel its own. The current Canadian mood, while netting in some aspects, can be understood and even appreciated if it means that Canada will take on a greater share of international burdens and keeps its economic house in order.

'Don't worry. It's a Russian fishing boat'



Let's think

On political spying

By Erwin D. Canham

It is apparent that the investigations of mainly FBI activities will show serious, indeed uncondonable, abuses of executive power by several American presidents preceding Richard Nixon.

It is cleansing, if shocking, to bring the facts to light. Such evidence in no way mitigates or excuses the abuse of power in the Nixon White House. But it shows that the job of housecleaning must go deep, and we need to know what we are up against.

A good deal of evidence seems to be locked in the files of the Ervin committee, withheld there so as not to blur the case against the Nixon group. Now it is beginning to come out, and it should all be revealed. The special Senate committee just set up to investigate the CIA, the FBI, and other intelligence activities of the government is certain to get into the same and even deeper materials.

'64 events spotlighted

Partisan political use of the FBI under J. Edgar Hoover is one focus of inquiry. One shocking episode that has come to light is illegal electronic surveillance at the request of President Johnson of various civil-rights leaders at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City in 1964, and some degree of surveillance of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy at the same time.

The FBI's lame excuse and admission is that it "did coordinate the development of intelligence information concerning the plans of subversive, criminal, and hoodlum groups attempting to disrupt the Democratic National Convention. . . ." Actually, those spied upon were respected civil-rights leaders. President Johnson was intensely interested in their relationship to his chief political rival, Attorney General Kennedy.

LBJ chats with RFK

Commenting on the episode, the New York Times says editorially: "If the strong inferences to be drawn from the former agent's disclosures are correct, the 1964 incident is an even graver offense than the original Watergate break-in, for it represented the turning of a police instrument of Government to illegal activities for political purposes."

Another 1964 episode, more comic-

than sinister, relates that President Johnson invited Attorney General Kennedy to his office to tell him he was not going to choose him as vice-presidential nominee. President Johnson had the conversation in the Oval Room, the report goes. When he tried to listen to the conversation, he found it had been jammed electronically. Then he recalled that Mr. Kennedy had held an affidavit case in his lap during the friendly chat between political partners! With righteous indignation, the President said: "The [expletive deleted] so-and-so doesn't trust me."

Facts needed

The gathering of damaging evidence regarding private lives of public people by the FBI, and the clandestine, smirking use of this information, had long been suspected. Now it seems likely to be documented. It is disgusting.

And yet of course, as in everything else, there is a certain core of legitimacy somewhere in this situation. If an official is suspected of disloyalty — not partisan political disloyalty, but disloyalty to the nation itself — it is a police function to discover the facts. If an official is involved in illegal or corrupt activities, there is a need for investigation.

But very strict lines have to be drawn. The new Attorney General-Designate, Edward Levi, has pledged the development of guidelines controlling FBI spying on public officials and private citizens. No doubt they will help. But the ultimate restraint must come from the integrity and sense-of-fitness of the presidents, attorneys general, and FBI directors involved. They have vast potential power and only their consciences — and perhaps their fear of exposure — will ultimately restrain them.

It has recently been urged that the chief law officer of government — the attorney general — should be above politics, not appointed solely by the president, not holding office cotermiously. Yet J. Edgar Hoover was for many years in such a position and it did not prevent some measure of abuse, along with all the vital services Mr. Hoover performed for the nation.

Once more we come back to the need for personal integrity and restraint.

Mirror of opinion

Ford meets media more

White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen announced that President Ford plans to hold more frequent news conferences in the future, perhaps as often as once every other week.

We're glad to hear it, and we only hope he keeps his word.

When he took the oath of office last August, the President pledged that his administration would be open; that unlike his predecessor he has no intention of becoming isolated from the public and press.

Generally, he's done a good job in that respect, we think. But he might have done even better if he'd met with the press more than six times in the

last six months, and a lapse of seven weeks between his last two news conferences is too long, especially when so many important national and international developments are breaking.

Besides, President Ford enjoys a good relationship with the media. In the news conference format he seems to be relaxed and confident. He parries questions and answers well and gets his points across.

Regular and frequent news conferences, we think, ought to be in his own interest, as well as the best interest of the press and the public. — Boston Herald American

The President and press criticism

By Godfrey Sperling Jr.

Washington
It was back in the '50s during one of Estes Kefauver's many campaigns to win the presidency. Kefauver had just been handed an article which, from beginning to end, was a scathing criticism of Kefauver the candidate and Kefauver the man. The big Tennesseean read the piece slowly, his face showing no expression. Then, finished, he handed it back to a reporter with a shrug. "I'd call it A-plus," he said, evidently content that he was at least getting his name spelled correctly in the widely circulated publication from which the article had come.

Whatever Estes Kefauver was or was not — he simply has to have been one of the thickest-skinned of all presidential candidates as far as press criticism was concerned. He seldom got a "good press," either nationally or in the region where he campaigned. Usually his opponent was Adlai Stevenson, who got much better treatment from the media but who was extremely sensitive to any criticism that came from the press.

But those who have been in the presidential arena have usually been less than philosophical about adverse articles. Well remembered is the threatening note Harry Truman once sent a critic who had made some unflattering comments about the singing of daughter Margaret. John Kennedy once cut off his subscription to the New York Herald-Tribune. Lyndon Johnson raged over his press treatment at times. And Richard Nixon's battles with the press began back in the early '50s and continued right up until his resignation.

Now comes President Ford. Of press criticism of the President an aide says: "The President feels that this is the way of life in this city. He is philosophical about it. He doesn't question a reporter's right to be critical — or even to be wrong. He doesn't get upset by it."

Says another aide: "He doesn't have a thin skin. He doesn't go around the office stewing about this or that story."

In a recent interview with the Washington Post the President said this of such negative treatment by the media: "They (such stories) don't bother me at all . . . sometimes I think it's unfair, sometimes I think it's not accurate . . . but I don't let my mind wander and get upset . . . and I can sleep every night."

The President has been asked some pretty tough questions at his press conferences, a few that might have

caused him to flare up had he been inclined to do so. Thus far, Mr. Ford hasn't batted an eye at such barbed questions.

Also, as a congressman, Mr. Ford was never one to call editors or reporters to complain about an article he didn't like.

Thus, the picture of Gerald Ford and the press which emerges from the White House seems credible.

One aide says of the President: "He is the greatest newspaper reader I know. When he leaves on any trip he has a big pile of papers with him — I read while traveling. He marks on his clips. He loves to read papers. He has a healthy respect for the fourth estate."

Another aide says that quite frequently the President will clip an article which is critical of some administration activity. "Later I will bring out that clipping and ask him to look into it," this aide says, "to see if there is something which should be corrected in our operation."

Mr. Ford does, it appears, become irritated over "leaks" of information from members of his administration — leaks that shape stories which the President has decided on or that policy position on a major issue. Mr. Ford feels that he has taken no policy stance until he has made public pronouncement. And he has made it clear to his subordinates that he wants no stories given out by the staff that indicate he is even leaning in a policy direction.

Thus, like presidents before him, Mr. Ford wants to "manage" the news coming out of his administration.

But the President's aides say that Mr. Ford is "philosophical" about stories sourced by his many congressional and nongovernmental friends here in Washington, stories which indicate or speculate about the direction the President is likely to take on important matters.

"He knows the game well," an aide said. "He knows what these men are doing — that they are offering to give advice, to tell him what direction he should take."

But on press criticism of himself, general the President knows that he will always get his share. Thus, he will say of "sour" articles that "they go with the job of being President."

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Readers write

Drinking in high places

To The Christian Science Monitor:

I would like to say thanks for the timely discussion on the indulgence in and dependence on alcohol at high levels of government. Peter Stuart's "New focus on Congress heavy drinkers," together with your editorial, "Mr. Mills and alcoholism," hopefully will stir your readers to recognize the seriousness of the problem and the critical need of facing up to the challenge of alcoholism at all levels of society.

There is no need to belabor the dangers of alcoholism (admitted or unacknowledged) in the halls of Congress. Those who have worked in some capacity in the august bodies of House and Senate can frequently recount instances after instances of loss to our nation as a result of the rather free flow of alcohol. They can recall those individuals who swept into Washington with high ideals and great energy and humility only to be caught up in the treacherous social whirl of cocktail parties, or the drinking-for-relaxation (after a hard day) crowd, or the drinking-for-courage (to face the cameras, the press, or their colleagues and answer "hard questions") crowd.

Maybe it is time for the American people to set an example for our elected (and appointed) officials, rather than waiting for them to set the precedent of becoming anti-alcohol. If the American people brought forth their full strength in opposing liberalization of drinking laws, such as lowering the age requirements for purchasing — the elected officials would soon get the message. And the few good spokesmen they already have in office would provide proper vocal support for all those nondrinking Americans.

Barbara B. Holliday
Gaithersburg, Md.

To The Christian Science Monitor:

Why must so many of our TV shows insist that everybody must have a drink?

Be it wine, beer, or hard liquor the suggestion goes out, especially to the young, that all festivities must have alcohol as a basic.

It is little wonder that kids get the habit of drinking in high school. Unlike drugs they can relate this to their parents, and also to the accepted mores of society. — Hartford, Conn. R. V. Burkhardt

To The Christian Science Monitor:

This concerns your editorial on Wilbur Mills and his "problem."

I feel that your editorial did not go far enough.

It is one thing if the corner butch is a drunk and cuts off his finger; it hurts only himself. But it is another story if people in high responsible places, during periods of instability, press the wrong button. They can destroy the world.

Bernard Hoffman
Crystal Falls, Mich.

'Palestinian' Arabs?

To The Christian Science Monitor:
The view that the present day "Palestinian" Arabs were displaced from their ancient ancestral homeland requires correction — especially as this view has gained wide acceptance by many even in the news media who ought to know better.

Before 1920 only a few hundred thousand Arabs inhabited the desolate land of present-day Israel, including the West Bank. For this group to become the present three million Palestinian Arabs would require about a 10-fold increase in 80 years. This would imply an absurd rate of doubling the population about every 11 years, at a time when populations of neighboring Arab countries hardly rose at all. Ironically, the difference was in fact made up by immigrating Arabs who sought to benefit from the improvements made in agriculture, medical care, education, and industry by the growing Jewish population.

Clearly, the large majority of Palestinian Arabs stems from people who were not indigenous to the area before 1920, just like the majority of present day Israeli Jews. In fact, the absolute number of such relative newcomers is probably rather similar for both groups. It is obviously time to recognize that the false cry of "Palestinians displaced from an ancient homeland" should not be made the basis of a life and death decision for the Jews of Israel.

Burlingame, Calif. Benjamin Liber

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